

Meeting Report

Second Meeting Frontex-Morocco Comité Mixte

7 October 2020 - Virtual Meeting

Participants

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1. Summary of results

This was the second meeting of the Frontex-Morocco Comité Mixte. The Committee is co-chaired [REDACTED]. The initiative was agreed by the chairs on the occasion of [REDACTED] visit in Rabat in June 2019.

The purpose of this platform is to regularly bring together senior managers of Frontex and Morocco in order to share knowledge and discuss technical matters of relevance to border management with a view to continue fostering a trusted and transparent partnership.

The second meeting was scheduled to take place in Rabat, however, a virtual meeting was requested by Morocco due to the current travel restrictions in the country. The agenda was developed jointly to review and discuss the outcomes of the bilateral cooperation in 2020 and other operational developments. [REDACTED]

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- NB: If travel restrictions are lifted and the sanitary situation allows it. Priority will be given to a physical implementation of all activities.*

On account of the disruptions caused by the novel COVID-19, several activities from the 2020 roadmap were not implemented. Frontex and Morocco agreed that this postponement was due to force majeure and both sides expressed their commitment to the full implementation of these activities, subject to developments related to COVID-19.

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2. Synopsis of general statements on state of play and priorities

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[REDACTED] expressed the agency's appreciation of Morocco as a strategic and privileged partner in the field of the fight against irregular migration and cross border crime. He also applauded the bilateral relationship with Morocco and coined it as a model for regional cooperation. He also gave a short overview of the developments of the Standings Corps and the implementation of the new mandate, which will allow for more cooperation opportunities with Morocco.

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In addition, Frontex invited Morocco to participate in other regional activities and multilateral fora, particularly the activities of the EU4BorderSecurity project such as the Euro-Arab Border Security Conference, the Webinar on Health Security at the Borders, and the Webinar on Children Trafficking. Frontex also expressed its interest to work closely with Morocco on issues of document fraud.

3. Thematic Discussion 1: Risk Analysis and Vulnerability Assessment

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4. Thematic Discussion 2: Operational Response (Coast Guard; Cross Border Crime; Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration of Migrants)

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[REDACTED] The agency also offered its support to Morocco on coast guard functions activities by sharing best practices on Multipurpose Maritime Operations (together with EMSA & EFCA). [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] Frontex will also share a translation of the VEGA handbook.

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5. Thematic Discussion 3: Technical Response and Innovation (Maritime Surveillance and Technologies at Borders)

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Frontex will engage Morocco as a privileged partner in all possible related activities developed jointly with Member States and other international partners. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] it was proposed to combine all these activities together in a tailored programme encompassing all elements to ensure maximum benefit connecting all different elements in this domain.