

Meeting Report

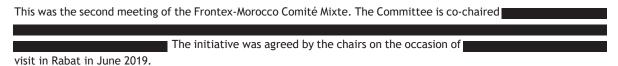
Second Meeting Frontex-Morocco Comité Mixte

7 October 2020 - Virtual Meeting

Participants

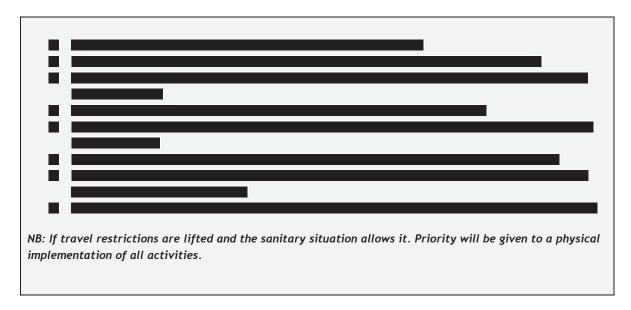


1. Summary of results



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.

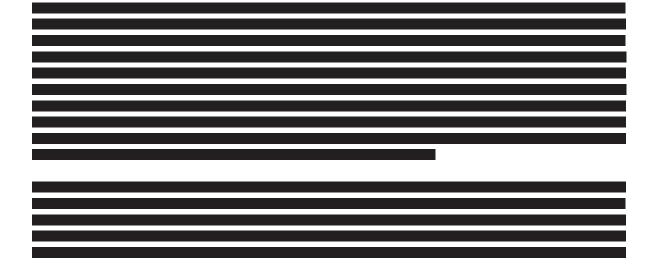
The second meeting was scheduled to take place in Rabat, however, a virtual meeting was requested by Morocco due to the current travel restrictions in the country. The agenda was developed jointly to review and discuss the outcomes of the bilateral cooperation in 2020 and other operational developments.



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.



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



expressed the agency's appreciation of Morocco as a strategic and privileged partner the field of the fight against irregular migration and cross border crime. He also applauded the bilateral relationshi with Morocco and coined it as a model for regional cooperation. He also gave a short overview of the development of the Standings Corps and the implementation of the new mandate, which will allow for more cooperation opportunities with Morocco.
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 Healt Security at the Borders, and the Webinar on Children Trafficking. Frontex also expressed its interest to work close with Morocco on issues of document fraud.
3. Thematic Discussion 1: Risk Analysis and Vulnerability Assessment

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

also offered its support to Morocco on coast guard functions activities by sharing best practices of Maritime Operations (together with EMSA & EFCA).	ne agency n Multipurpose
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5. Thematic Discussion 3: Technical Response and Innovation (Maritime Surveillance and Technologies at Borders)	
Frontex will engage Morocco as a privileged partner in all possible related activities developed jointl States and other international partners.	y with Member

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.