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EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY

Frontex International Cooperation Strategy 2024-2026

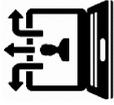
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International Cooperation Strategic Framework

- **Vision:** safe, secure, and well-functioning external borders of the EU, thus supporting the European area of freedom, security, and justice.

- **Strategic objectives:**



Strategic objective 1 Enhance information exchange along key migratory routes to the EU to ensure better pre-frontier awareness for more robust preparedness and response.	Strategic objective 2 Strengthen preparedness and joint operational response in and with third countries, to jointly tackle irregular migration and cross-border crime.	Strategic objective 3 Increase the number of humane and effective returns and support sustainable reintegration.
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International Cooperation Strategic Framework

- Horizontal objectives:



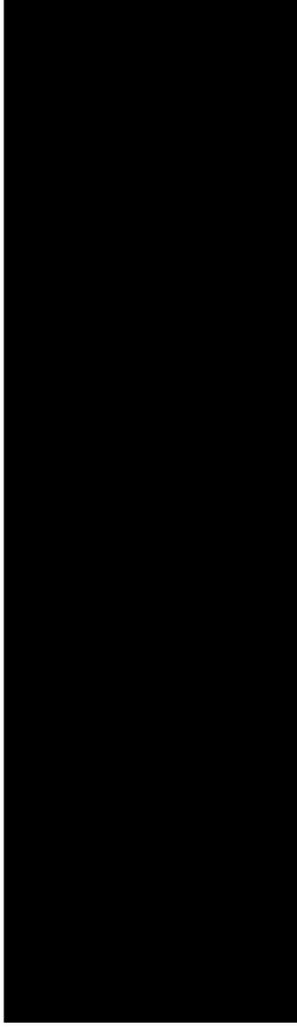
Horizontal objective 1 Develop structured cooperation frameworks that enable operational cooperation, based on EU values and standards, and in full respect of fundamental rights.	Horizontal objective 2 Strengthen IBM capacities of third countries to effectively address challenges at their borders and enable joint operational response.	Horizontal objective 3 Contribute to EU and Member States' outreach and make use of common leverage for more impact.
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- **Fundamental rights and data protection** - at the heart of Frontex activities
 - in line with the Frontex Fundamental Rights Strategy and Action Plan.

I. Strengthening Cooperation with Third Countries

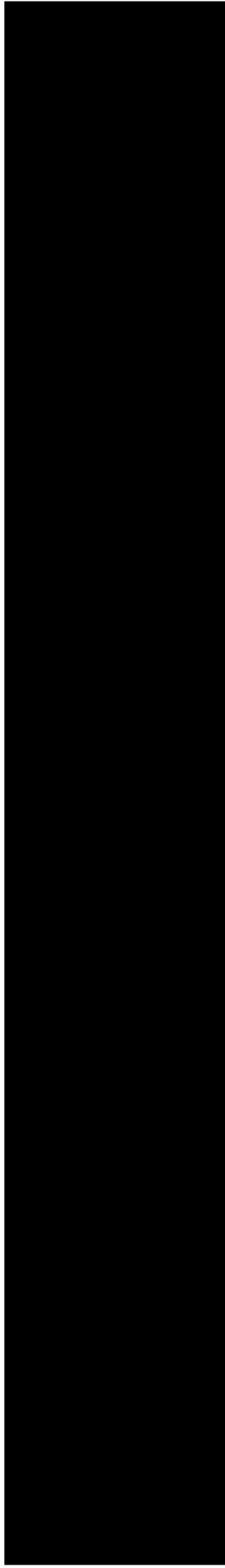
- Partnership Cluster 1

Strengthening effective joint response to the challenges of migration and border management with key operational partners that are on the path to EU accession, supporting their gradual integration into the EBCG community.



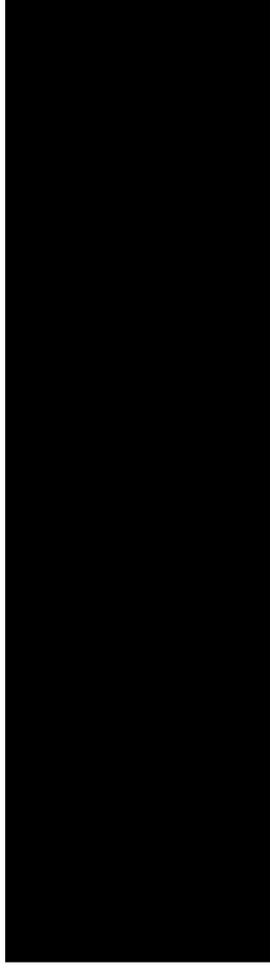
Partnership Cluster 2

Delivering impact through mutual support and exchange with those priority third countries where there is no or limited structured cooperation.



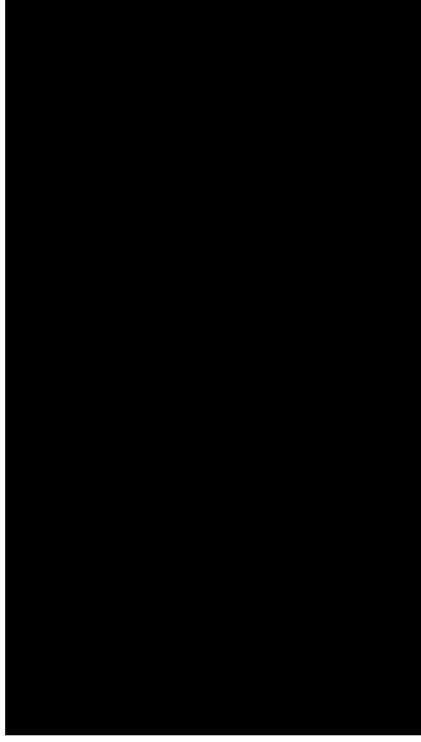
Partnership Cluster 3

Engaging in targeted cooperation activities with a select group of third countries in areas of mutual interest.



Partnership Cluster 4

Developing strategic partnerships for a global response based on shared standards, situational awareness, and the exchange of technological know-how.

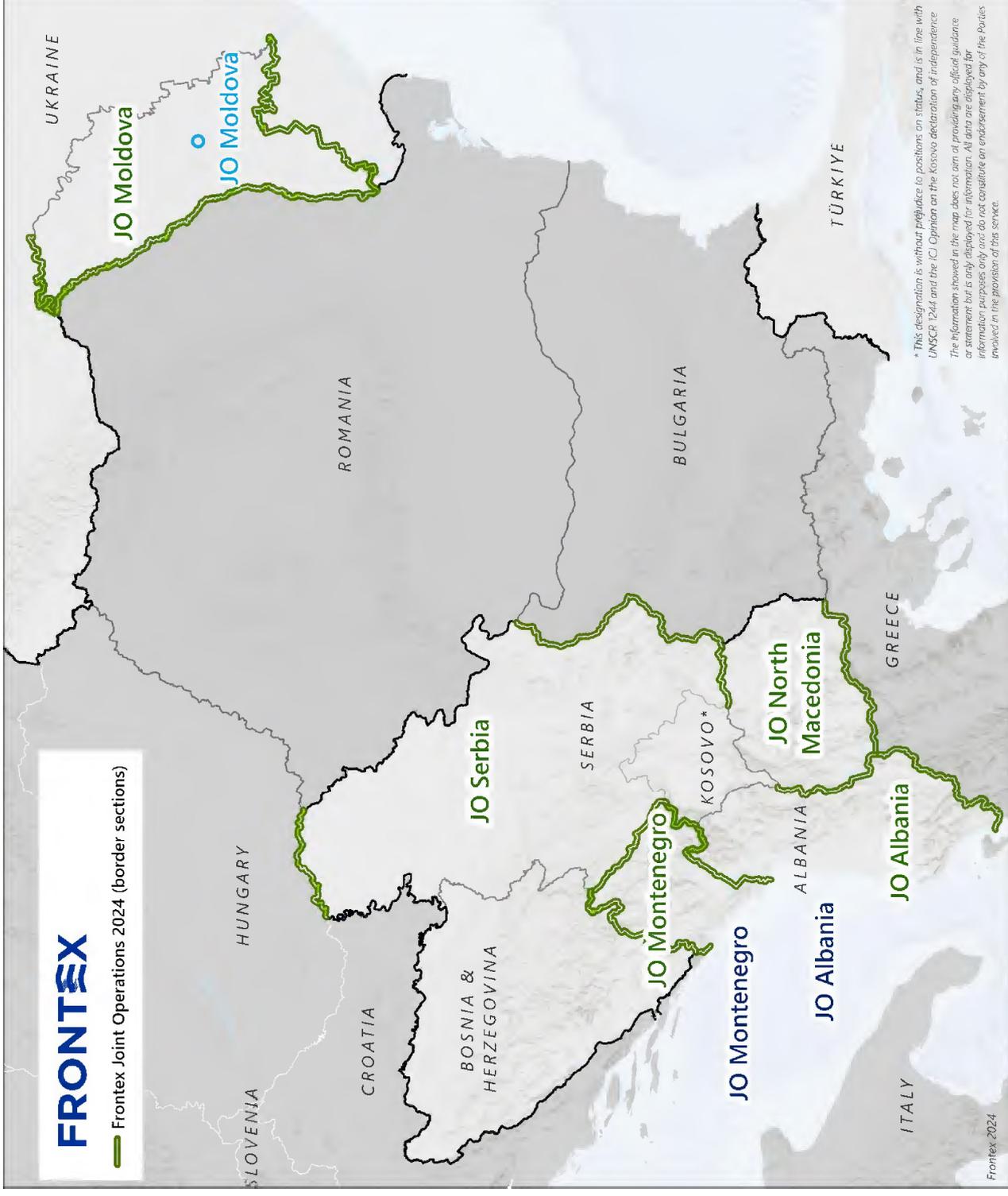


Tools for Cooperation with Third Countries

- 1. Status Agreements

- JO Albania (2019)
- JO Montenegro (2020)
- JO Serbia (2021)
- JO Moldova (2022)
- JO North Macedonia (2023)

JOs are complemented by two EU-funded projects (IPA III)



Working Arrangements with 19 countries:

- Albania
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- **Belarus**
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Canada
- Cape Verde
- North Macedonia
- Georgia
- Kosovo*
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- Nigeria
- **Russian Federation**
- Serbia
- Türkiye
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- United States

(* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.)

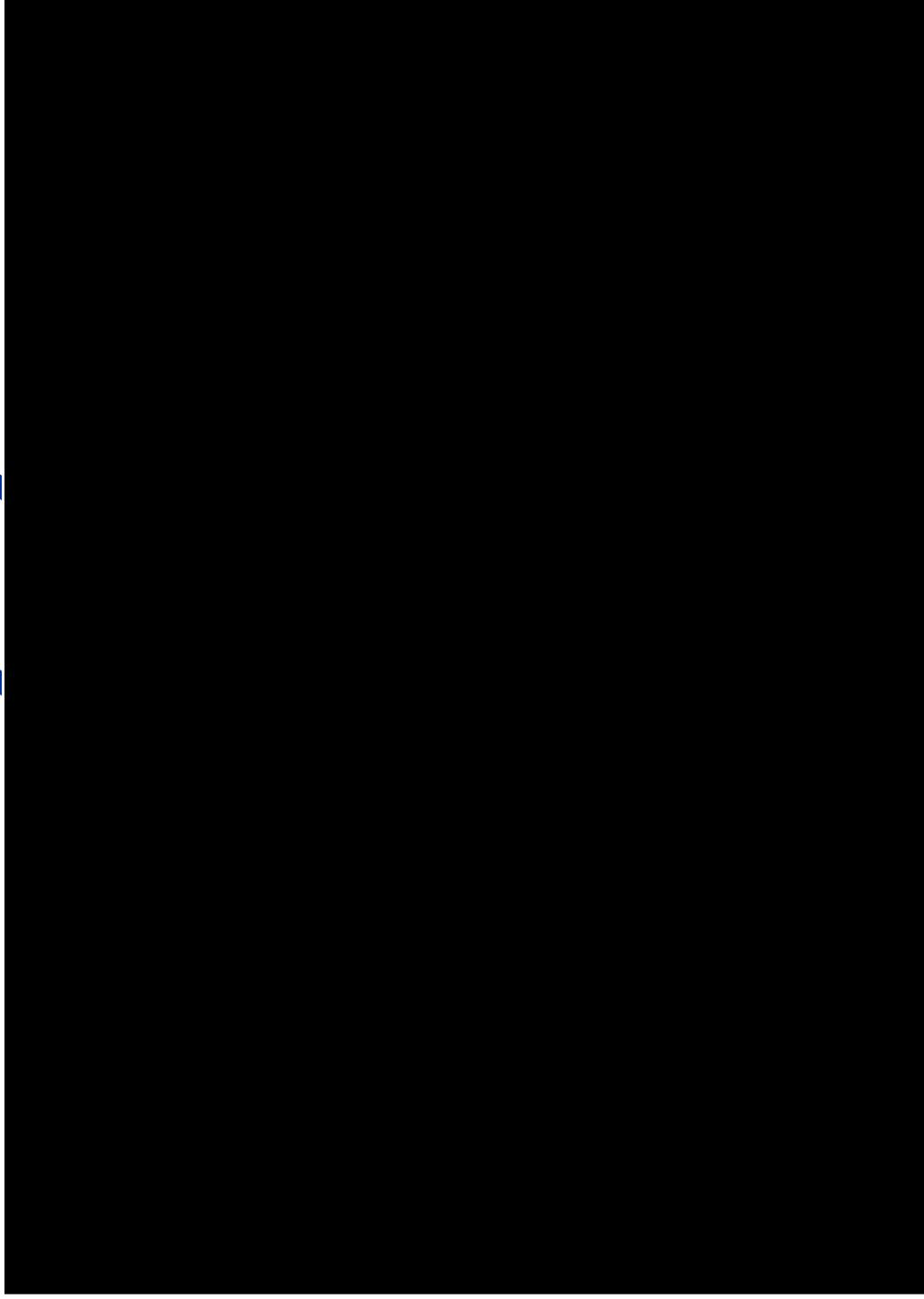
 EU and Schengen Area

 MB mandate in hand to negotiate

 Potential mandate

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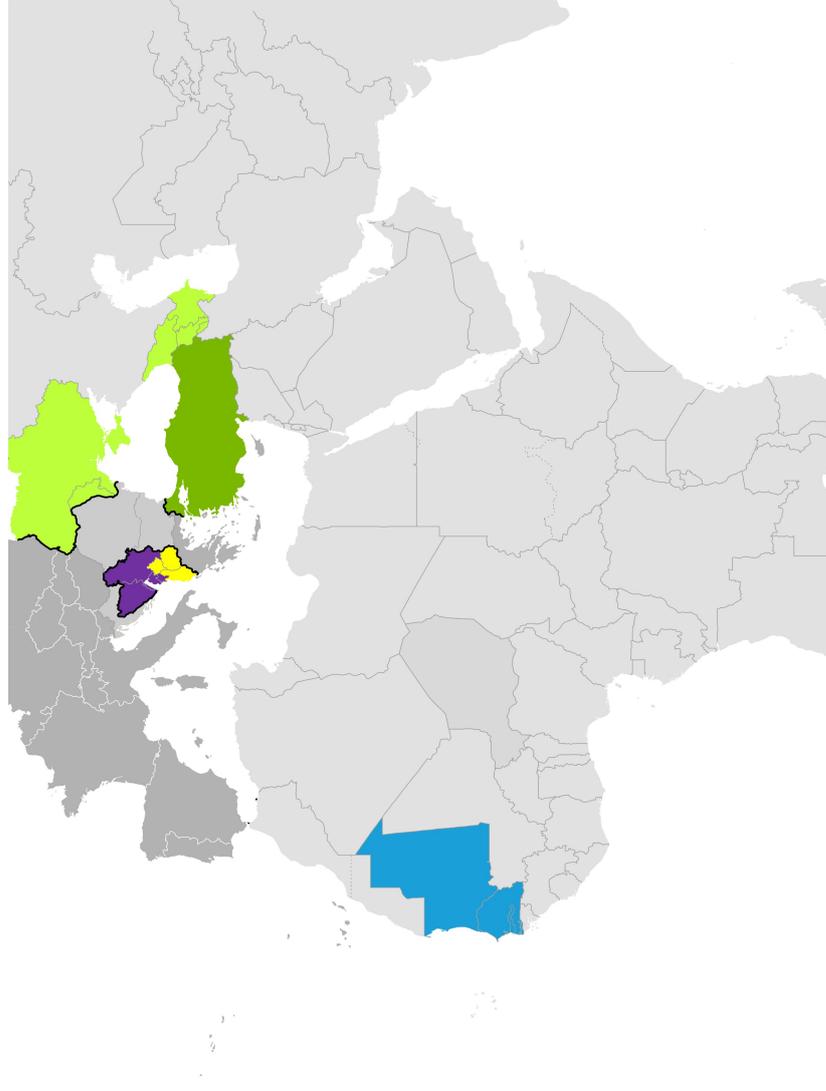
- 2. Working Arrangements



Tools for Cooperation with Third Countries

- 3. Frontex Liaison Officers in Third Countries

- Frontex Liaison Officers to Third Countries:
 - Türkiye
 - Western Balkans (Serbia)
 - Western Balkans (Albania)
 - Eastern Partnership (Moldova/Ukraine)
 - Senegal, Mauritania and the Gambia
 - [REDACTED]
- FLO profiles (e.g. return)
- European Return Liaison Officers (EURLOs)
- Synergies with the ILO network



II. Cooperation with International Organisations

- Joint operational activities
- Situational awareness, risk analysis
- Joining efforts in the external dimension
- Coordination with relevant regional organisations



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Thank you

