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From:	Incoming Presidency
To:	Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee (EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/ Norway/Switzerland)
Subject:	Frontex Vulnerability Assessment – Biannual Report 1/2024 – Discussion paper

In accordance with Article 32(11) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896, the results of vulnerability assessments, the actions taken by Member States in response to these assessments, and the implementation status of any previously recommended measures shall be regularly communicated to the Council.

Vulnerability assessments contribute to maintaining an efficient, high and uniform level of border control at the EU's external borders. They help identify potential weaknesses and propose measures to address them, thereby also serving to prevent crises at the EU's external borders.

Frontex Vulnerability Assessment – Biannual Report 1/2024 presents the results of the targeted Vulnerability Assessments launched by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in 2023, as well as the state of play of measures taken by the Member States since the last report, in accordance with the agreed methodology. More specifically, Annexes I and II present the outcome of the targeted assessments carried out in 2023 and the state of play of recommended measures by Member States.

The Hungarian Presidency would like to initiate an exchange of views among the Member States in order to identify challenges and also share lessons learnt and best practices on how the results of these assessments can be translated into practical actions.

As the report is classified RESTREINT UE/EU-RESTRICTED, no sensitive information is expected to be shared.

Questions for discussion

In this context, the Presidency invites delegations to reflect upon the following questions:

1. *How do Member States assess the general findings of the latest vulnerability assessments?*
2. *Is there a need to improve coordination between Member States and Frontex, when it comes to the implementation of vulnerability assessments? Are there any good practices to share in this respect?*
3. *How and to what extent can Member States integrate the findings and recommendations of the vulnerability assessments into their national border management practices?*
