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1. INTRODUCTION

This annex is attached to the Commission's Report on the evaluation and future development of the Frontex Agency. The data contained in it is based on information provided and compiled by the Agency itself. Figures used in the evaluation report are based on the data of this annex.

As the Agency effectively became operational in October 2005 the data cover 2006 and 2007 (for the latter representing state-of-play on 30 September 2007).

It should be noted that the purpose of the annex is to give, primarily, a quantitative appreciation of the output of the Agency during this period.

For joint operations at the sea borders it should be stressed that each single operation covered several subsequent phases, each phase equivalent to an entire operation when compared to 2007 in terms of budget, timeframe and deployed resources.

2. OPERATIONAL COORDINATION

2.1. General

	Number of joint operations based on the Agency's own initiative	2006	2007
A	at sea borders	1	6
B	at land borders	1	8
C	at air borders	2	5
D	Involving different types of borders	3	2

	Total number of joint operations based on a MS's initiative	2006	2007
A	at sea borders	4	1
B	at land borders	0	0
C	at air borders	0	0
D	Involving different types of borders	0	0

	Overall number of participating MS in joint operations	2006	2007
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A	at sea borders	15	22
B	at land borders	8	23
C	at air borders	18	26
D	Involving different types of borders	19	23

	Number of pilot projects based on the Agency's initiative	2006	2007
A	at sea borders	3	3
B	at land borders	2	3
C	at air borders	0	2
D	Involving different types of borders	1	1

	Number of participating MS in pilot projects	2006	2007
A	at sea borders	14	16
B	at land borders	All	All
C	at air borders	0	8
D	Involving different types of borders	All	All

	List of MS participated in at least one joint operation or pilot project	2006	2007
		All	All

	Number of intercepted/apprehended third country nationals in the course of joint operations	2006	2007
A	at sea borders	23,438	11,476
B	at land borders	4,721	4,522
C	at air borders	3,857	3,297

2.2. Sea border operations

Joint Operations 2006	Host Member State(s)
HERA I	ES
HERA II	ES
HERA III	ES
AGIOS	ES
NAUTILUS 2006	MT+IT
POSEIDON 2006	GR
NIRIS	DK, EE, LV, LT

Name of activity:	Joint Operation HERA I
Description (Aims):	The aim of the Joint Operation was to strengthen the security at the EU external borders by assisting Spain in the identification of nationality and country of origin of the illegal migrants arriving to Canary Islands to facilitate possible return activities. It was performed by a team of EU MS experts with thorough knowledge of Western Africa, who were deployed to the three main arrival places in Canary Islands.
Participating MS:	7: DE, FR, IT, NL, NO, PT, UK
Operational resources:	Assets: not applicable
	EU MS Experts: 29
Implementation phase:	19/07-31/10/2006 105 Days
Budget (EUR):	370.000
Results:	Deployed Experts carried out 881 interviews Data on more than 11.000 third country nationals gathered Illegal Migrants returned – 6076

Name of activity:	Joint Operation HERA II
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Description (Aims):	Main objective was to coordinate operational cooperation between Members States in the field of management of external borders through organizing joint patrols of the assets provided by the Member States in the predefined areas in order to combat illegal migration across the external maritime borders of the EU from West African countries disembarking in Canary Islands.
Participating MS:	7: AT, ES, FI, IT, LV, PL, PT
Operational resources:	Assets: 3 vessels, 1 helicopter, 2 aircrafts
	EU MS Experts: 10
Implementation phase:	11/08-15/12/2006 127 Days
Budget (EUR):	3.200.000
Results:	Total number of incidents – 235 Illegal migrants intercepted – 20192 Illegal migrants diverted back - 3625

Name of activity:	Joint Operation HERA III (Note: initiated in 2006. Additional funding and operational phase in 2007)
Description (Aims):	Main objective was to coordinate operational cooperation between Members States in the field of management of external borders through organizing joint patrols of the assets provided by the Member States in the predefined areas in order to combat illegal migration across the external maritime borders of the EU from West African countries disembarking in Canary Islands.
Participating MS:	6: DE, ES, FR, IT, LU, PT
Operational resources:	Assets: 3 vessels, 1 helicopter, 3 aircrafts
	EU MS Experts: 17
Implementation phase:	12/02/-12/04/2007 60 Days
Budget (EUR):	2,745,315
Results:	Total number of incidents – 31 Illegal migrants intercepted – 2020

	Illegal migrants diverted back - 1559
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Name of activity:	Joint Operation AGIOS
Description (Aims):	Joint Operation focused on strengthening the security at the EU external borders by means of exhaustive border controls on ferry passengers traveling to Spain from North Africa disembarking in the seaports of Tarifa, Algeciras, Almeria, Alicante and particularly it aimed at the detection of forged documents.
Participating MS:	5: DE, FR, IT, NL, PT
Operational resources:	Assets: not applicable
	EU MS Experts: 8
Implementation phase:	15/07-15/09/2006 63 Days
Budget (EUR):	73,000
Results:	Total number of incidents – 488 Illegal migrants intercepted – 501 Illegal migrants diverted back – 498 Falsified Documents – 501

Name of activity:	Joint Operation NAUTILUS 2006 (formerly JASON)
Description (Aims):	Joint Operation aimed at performing surveillance of the EU southern maritime borders. It was launched in order to combat illegal migration flows in the Central Mediterranean area originating from the North Africa. The main focus was on illegal migration flows to Malta and Lampedusa. The operation also aimed at creating a shared operational foundation for improved co-operation and co-ordination of border control operations among the EU Member States from the Mediterranean region.
Participating MS:	5: DE, FR, GR, IT, MT
Operational resources:	Assets: 5 Offshore Patrol Vessels, 1 Coast Patrol Vessel, 2 helicopters, 3 aircrafts
	EU MS Experts: 9

Implementation phase:	5-15/10/2006 11 Days
Budget (EUR):	1,600,000
Results:	Total number of incidents – 9 Illegal migrants intercepted – 650 Facilitators arrested – 2

Name of activity:	Joint Operation POSEIDON 2006 (combined sea and land borders operation)
Description (Aims):	The main objective was to coordinate operational cooperation between Members States in the field of management of external borders and combat illegal immigration in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea area and on the Greek – Turkish land border. It focused on enhanced land and maritime border control and surveillance as well as exchange and improvement of knowledge and skills of border guard officers.
Participating MS:	6: AT, ES, GR, IT, PL, UK
Operational resources:	Assets: 11 vessels, 1 aircraft EU MS Experts: 12
Implementation phase:	25/06-05/07/2006 11 Days
Budget (EUR):	255,064.45
Results:	Illegal migrants intercepted – 426 (89 in ports, 73 at sea, 264 at land borders) Facilitators arrested – 6 Falsified Documents – 41

Name of activity:	Joint Operation (combined sea-land-air border) NIRIS 12 Days (More detailed information at Land Border joint operations)
Budget (EUR):	98,700

Joint Operations 2007	Host Member States(s)
HERA 2007	ES
MINERVA	ES
NAUTILUS 2007	MT+IT
HERMES	IT+ES
POSEIDON 2007	GR
ZEUS	DE

Name of activity:	<p>Joint Operation HERA 2007</p> <p>Note: Joint Operation in process, results not final, full evaluation will follow</p>
Description (Aims):	<p>The main objective of this operation is to coordinate operational cooperation between Member States in the field of the management of the EU external borders through organizing joint patrols with the assets provided by the Member States in predefined areas in order to tackle the of illegal migration flows across the EU maritime borders from Senegal and Mauritania, disembarking in Canary Islands. It involved exhaustive air and naval surveillance at the waters close to Mauritania and Senegal in order to reinforce the early detection of immigrants at the sea.</p>
Participating MS:	<p>First Stage: 6 MS – DE, ES, FR, LU, IT, PT;</p> <p>Second Stage: 9 MS – DE, FR, ES, LU, IT, NL, PT, SE, UK.</p>
Operational resources:	<p>Assets:</p> <p>First Stage: 3 vessels, 4 fast patrol boats, 1 helicopter, 1 aircraft.</p> <p>Second Stage: 5 Offshore Patrol Vessels, 4 fast patrol boats, 2 helicopters, 3 aircrafts</p>
	<p>EU MS Experts:</p> <p>First Stage: 16</p>

	Second Stage: 11
Implementation phase:	First Stage: 23/04-15/06/2007 54 Days Second Stage: 12/07-30/09/2007 (extension until 30/11/2007 in process) 81 Days
Budget (EUR):	First Stage: 1.500.000 Second Stage: 2.000.000 Total budget: 3.500.000
Results:	For First and Second Stage combined: Total Number of Incidents- 133 Illegal Migrants detected in Operational Area – 7804 Illegal Migrants detected out of Operational Area – 1190 Illegal Migrants intercepted – 4953 Illegal Migrants diverted back – 2507

Name of activity:	Joint Operation MINERVA 2007 Note: Results not final, full evaluation will follow
Description (Aims):	Joint Operation focused on strengthening the control over the EU external borders by means of combating illegal migration flows from the African Coast towards the South of Spain. Particularly, it involved exhaustive border control in the seaports of Algeciras and Almeria and identity checks in the Seaport of Ceuta as well as the control of the coastal waters in the area of Almeria, with bigger affluence of nationals coming from Algeria and Morocco.
Participating MS:	11: AT, BE, DE, FR, IT, NL, PL, PT, RO, ES, UK.
Operational resources:	Assets: 2 Coast Patrol Vessels, detectors (CO2/HBD), 2 dog teams. EU MS Experts: 17.
Implementation phase:	16/08-14/09/2007 30 Days
Budget (EUR):	Total budget 450.000

Results:	<p>Illegal Migrants detected in Operational Area –77</p> <p>Illegal Migrants detected out of Operational Area –78</p> <p>Illegal Migrants intercepted –1260</p> <p>Illegal Migrants diverted back –1105</p> <p>Falsified Documents –765</p>
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Name of activity:	<p>Joint Operation NAUTILUS 2007</p> <p>Note: Joint Operation in process, results not final, full evaluation will follow</p>
Description (Aims):	<p>Joint Operation aimed at combating illegal immigration coming from North Africa countries via the EU maritime borders in the Central Mediterranean area and disembarking in Malta and Lampedusa.</p>
Participating MS:	<p>First Stage: 6 MS – DE, ES, FR, GR, IT, MT;</p> <p>Second Stage: 7MS – DE, FR, IT, MT, PT, RO, UK.</p>
Operational resources:	<p>Assets:</p> <p>First Stage: 5 Offshore Patrol Vessels, 2 helicopters, 4 aircrafts</p> <p>Second Stage: 5 Coast Patrol Vessels, 3 helicopters, 4 aircrafts</p> <p>EU MS Experts:</p> <p>First Stage: 20</p> <p>Second Stage: 7</p>
Implementation phase:	<p>First Stage: 25/06-27/07/2007 33 Days</p> <p>Second Stage: 09/09-14/10/2007 36 Days</p>
Budget (EUR):	<p>First Stage: 2,230,000</p> <p>Second Stage: 2,250,000</p> <p>Total budget: 4,700,000</p>
Results:	<p>For First and Second Stage combined:</p> <p>Total Number of Incidents – 67</p>

	<p>Illegal Migrants detected in Operational Area – 997</p> <p>Illegal Migrants detected out of Operational Area – 2093</p> <p>Illegal Migrants intercepted – 2942</p>
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Name of activity:	<p>Joint Operation HERMES</p> <p>Note: Joint Operation in process, results not final, full evaluation will follow</p>
Description (Aims):	<p>Joint Operation aimed at coordination of operational cooperation between Member States in the field of the management of the EU external borders through organizing joint patrols with the assets provided by the Member States in the predefined areas in order to tackle illegal immigration across the EU external maritime borders, coming from North African countries and disembarking in Italy and Spain.</p>
Participating MS:	<p>8: DE, ES, FR, GR, IT, PT, RO, UK.</p>
Operational resources:	<p>Assets: 6 Offshore Patrol Vessels, 5 helicopters, 2 aircrafts.</p> <p>EU MS Experts: 17</p>
Implementation phase:	<p>18/09-09/10/2007 22 Days</p>
Budget (EUR):	<p>Total budget 2,100,000</p>
Results:	<p>Illegal Migrants detected in Operational Area – 13</p> <p>Illegal Migrants detected out of Operational Area –17</p> <p>Illegal Migrants intercepted – 30</p>

Name of activity:	<p>Joint combined Operation POSEIDON 2007 (combined sea and land borders operation)</p> <p>Note: Joint Operation in process, results not final, full evaluation will follow</p>
Description (Aims):	<p>Joint Operation carried out to tackle the problem of illegal immigration via the EU South-eastern Sea/Land Borders. General objective was to coordinate operational cooperation between Member States in the field of management of the EU external borders through organizing joint patrols of the assets and</p>

	<p>personnel provided by the Member States in the predefined areas as well as border checks at the border crossing points on persons and vehicles. It was implemented at the main border crossing points between Greece and Turkey (land and sea borders), Greece and Albania (land border), Bulgaria and Turkey (land border) and at the seaports of Greece and Italy.</p>
Participating MS:	<p>First Stage: 9 MS – AT, BG, DE, FR, GR, IT, LV, MT, UK.</p> <p>Second Stage: 8 MS – AT, BG, DE, ES, GR, IT, MT, UK.</p> <p>Third Stage: 13 MS – AT, BG, CY, DE, GR, FR, IT, MT, NL, PT, RO, SE, UK.</p>
Operational resources:	<p>Assets:</p> <p>First Stage: 19 maritime means, 3 aircrafts, surveillance equipment</p> <p>Second Stage: 19 maritime means, 3 aircrafts, detectors (CO2/HBD), surveillance equipment</p> <p>Third Stage: 13 maritime means, 1 aircraft, detectors (CO2/HBD), surveillance equipment</p> <p>EU MS Experts:</p> <p>First Stage: 11</p> <p>Second Stage: 16</p> <p>Third Stage: 43</p>
Implementation phase:	<p>First Stage: 15/05-03/06/2007 20 Days</p> <p>Second Stage: 26/06-15/07/2007 20 Days</p> <p>Third Stage: 18/09-07/10/2007 20 Days</p>
Budget (EUR):	Total budget for I, II and III Stage: 2,000,000
Results:	<p>For I, II and III Stage combined:</p> <p>Total Number of Incidents- 125</p> <p>Illegal Migrants detected in Operational Area – 779</p> <p>Illegal Migrants intercepted – 2321</p> <p>Illegal Migrants diverted back – 377</p> <p>Facilitators arrested – 51</p>

	Falsified Documents – 517
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Name of activity:	Joint Operation ZEUS (combined sea and air borders operation) Note: JO initiated in 2006 but operational phase in 2007
Description (Aims):	Combined Jointed Operation focusing on the EU sea and air borders and specifically regarding seamen in transit. It aims at combating the illegal immigration by means of more efficient detection of false seamen.
Participating MS:	13: BE, CY, DE, FI, GR, IT, LV, NL, PL, PT, RO, SE, UK.
Operational resources:	Assets: not applicable EU MS Experts: 11
Implementation phase:	October 2007 Ongoing
Budget (EUR):	120,000
Results:	No data – implementation have not yet started

2.3. Land border operations

Joint Operations 2006	Host Member State(s)
ILLEGAL LABOURS	PL, SI, HU, SK, CZ, DE, AT, IT
FIFA 2006	DE
POSEIDON 2006	GR
NIRIS	SE, PL, NO, DE, FI

Name of activity:	Joint Operation ILLEGAL LABOURS
Description (Aims):	To filter the illegal labours and overstayers at exit check at the external borders and to prevent their future entry.
Participating MS:	8 MSs; AT, DE, IT, PL, HU, CZ, SI, SK
Operational resources:	Additional assets: -

	EU MS Experts: 13
Implementation phase:	05/12/2005-06/01/2006 14 Days
Budget (EUR):	3,672.00 EUR
Results:	It was not possible to make a statistical summary due to the fact that the submitted figures were not compatible

Name of activity:	Joint Operation FIFA 2006
Description (Aims):	Support of Germany in the framework of FIFA World Cup 2006
Participating MS:	10 MSs: DE, AT, GR, IT, ES, FR, PL, SK, HU, SI
Operational resources:	Additional assets: -
	EU MS Experts: 8
Implementation phase:	01/05/2006-06/07/2006 45 Days
Budget (EUR):	238,100.00 EUR
Results:	2385 illegal immigrants, 981 refusal of entry, 1056 false/falsified documents

Name of activity:	Joint Operation (combined sea-land) POSEIDON 2006 11 Days (More detailed information at Sea Border joint operations)
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Name of activity:	Joint Operation NIRIS
Description (Aims):	Illegal immigration from China and India at EU external borders (Baltic Sea area)
Participating MS:	10 MSs: DK, EE, FI, DE, LT, NO, PL, SE, BE, ES
Operational resources:	Additional assets: -
	EU MS Experts: 10
Implementation phase:	07/06/2007-07/07/2007 12 Days

Budget (EUR):	Financed by Sea Border Sector Budget
Results:	20 illegal border crossings, 16 refusals of entry

Joint Operations 2007	Host Member State(s)
ARIADNE	DE, PL
GORDIUS	RO, HU, SK
NIRIS	SE, PL, NO, DE, FI
HERAKLES	HU
POSEIDON 2007	GR, BG, IT
KRAS	SI
DRIVE IN	SI
NORTHERN LIGHTS	FI
EUROCUP 2008	AT, CH
URSUS I	SK
URSUS II	PL
URSUS III	RO
URSUS IV	HU

Name of activity:	Joint Operation ARIADNE
Description (Aims):	Illegal immigration at eastern EU external borders (Polish-Ukrainian border and Polish-Belarusian border including area at German-Polish border)
Participating MS:	11 MSs: ES, PL, DE, HU, EE, IT, CZ, PT, AT, LV, LT
Operational resources:	Assets: -
	EU MS Experts: 21
Implementation phase:	29/04/2007 – 11/05/2007 10 Days
Budget (EUR):	160,000.00 EUR

Results:	22 false documents, 1207 refusals of entry, 6 cases of false using documents, 8 illegal entries, 34 illegal stay combined with illegal entry
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Name of activity:	Joint Operation GORDIUS
Description (Aims):	Illegal immigration at eastern EU external borders (focusing on Moldova)
Participating MS:	15 MSs: AT, HU, SK, RO, BG, CZ, FI, FR, DE, LV, PL, PT, SI, ES, UK
Operational resources:	Assets: 4 BG dogs
	EU MS Experts: 31
Implementation phase:	16/04/2007-29/04/2007 14 Days
Budget (EUR):	200,000.00 EUR
Results:	109 illegal border crossings, 855 refusals of entry

Name of activity:	Joint Operation HERAKLES
Description (Aims):	Illegal immigration at EU external borders in Balkan area (Hungarian-Serbian border)
Participating MS:	10 MSs: AT, BG, DE, HU, IT, LV, PL, PT, UK, RO
Operational resources:	Assets: 3 patrol cars and 3 night vision goggles.
	EU MS Experts: 11
Implementation phase:	08/08/2007-17/08/2007 (10 days); second phase prepared between 10/10/2007-19/10/2007 10 days
Budget (EUR):	150,000.00 EUR
Results:	not available due to ongoing planning activities
Name of activity:	Joint Operation (combined sea and land) POSEIDON 2007 60 Days (More detailed information at Sea Border joint operations)

Name of activity:	Joint Operation KRAS
Description (Aims):	Illegal immigration at southern EU external borders (Slovenian-Croatian border)
Participating MS:	7 MSs: SI, AT, BG, DE, IT, RO, UK
Operational resources:	Additional assets: 1 helicopter
	EU MS Experts: 10
Implementation phase:	12/09/2007-22/09/2007 10 Days
Budget (EUR):	159,000.00 EUR
Results:	32 illegal immigrants, 2 overstayers detected

Name of activity:	Joint Operation DRIVE IN
Description (Aims):	Illegal immigration and stolen cars at southern EU external borders (Slovenian-Croatian area)
Participating MS:	8 MSs: SI, AT, BG, DE, IT, LV, LX, RO
Operational resources:	Assets: -
	EU MS Experts: 11
Implementation phase:	27/08/2007-11/09/2007 16 Days
Budget (EUR):	116,000.00 EUR
Results:	13 stolen vehicles, 87 illegal immigrants

Name of activity:	Joint Operation NORTHERN LIGHTS
Description (Aims):	Enhancing and unifying the operational ability of participating Member States in tactical management at land borders
Participating MS:	not available due to ongoing planning activities
Operational resources:	Assets: not available due to ongoing planning activities
	EU MS Experts: not available due to ongoing planning activities

Implementation phase:	December 2007 In planning phase
Budget (EUR):	120,000.00 EUR
Results:	not available due to ongoing planning activities

Name of activity:	Joint Operation EUROcup 2008
Description (Aims):	Support of Austria and Switzerland in the framework of Eurocup 2008
Participating MS:	not available due to ongoing planning activities
Operational resources:	Assets: not available due to ongoing planning activities
	Operational resources: not available due to ongoing planning activities
Implementation phase:	June-July 2008 In planning phase
Budget (EUR):	50,000.00 EUR (preparatory phase in 2007)
Results:	not available due to ongoing planning activities

Name of activity:	Joint Operation URSUS I
Description (Aims):	Illegal immigration at Eastern EU external borders (Hungarian-/Polish-/Slovakian-/ Romanian-Ukrainian border) focusing to the Slovakian border
Participating MS:	8 MSs: RO, PL, HU, D, FIN, LV, BG, A + UKR
Operational resources:	Additional assets: 4 service cars, 2 patrol cars, 3 BG dogs, 1 false document set, 2 mini busses with night vision camera
	EU MS Experts: 23
Implementation phase:	26/08/2007-02/09/2007 8 Days
Budget (EUR):	Covered from budget of Five Borders Pilot Project
Results:	37 illegal migrants, 186 refused entry

Name of activity:	Joint Operation URSUS II
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Description (Aims):	Illegal immigration at Eastern EU external borders (Hungarian-/Polish-/Slovakian-/ Romanian-Ukrainian border) focusing to the Polish border
Participating MS:	11 MSs: A, BG, D, NL, HU, LV, LT, RO, SK, E, P + UKR
Operational resources:	Assets: 4 service cars
	EU MS Experts: 31
Implementation phase:	23/09/2007-30/09/2007 9 Days
Budget (EUR):	Covered from budget of Five Borders Pilot Project
Results:	55 illegal migrants, 262 refused entry, 97 overstayers

Name of activity:	Joint Operation URSUS III
Description (Aims):	Illegal immigration at Eastern EU external borders (Hungarian-/Polish-/Slovakian-/ Romanian-Ukrainian border) focusing to the Rumanian border
Participating MS:	not available due to ongoing planning activities
Operational resources:	Assets: not available due to ongoing planning activities
	EU MS Experts: not available due to ongoing planning activities
Implementation phase:	October 2007 Ongoing
Budget (EUR):	Covered from budget of Five Borders Pilot Project
Results:	not available due to ongoing planning activities

Name of activity:	Joint Operation URSUS IV
Description (Aims):	Illegal immigration at Eastern EU external borders (Hungarian-/Polish-/Slovakian-/ Romanian-Ukrainian border) focusing to the Hungarian border
Participating MS:	not available due to ongoing planning activities
Operational resources:	Assets: not available due to ongoing planning activities
	EU MS Experts: not available due to ongoing planning activities
Implementation phase:	November 2007 In planning phase

Budget (EUR):	Covered from budget of Five Borders Pilot Project
Results:	not available due to ongoing planning activities

2.4. Pilot Projects at land borders

Pilot Projects 2006
Border Management Cooperation Conference I, Border Delegate Organisations in Europe, Imatra
FPO-Pilot Project
Green Border Surveillance Meeting

Name of activity:	Pilot Project; Border Delegate Organisations in Europe
Description (Aims):	Conference aiming to enhance the daily cooperation of border guard services on both sides of the external borders by creating a best practices model in Imatra/Finland
Participating MS:	All MSs
Implementation phase:	November 2006
Budget (EUR):	Budget 95,043.00 EUR
Results:	Enhanced cooperation at the external land borders of EU.

Name of activity:	Pilot Project; Focal Points
Description (Aims):	Continuation of Focal Point Offices System to enhance operational cooperation at hot spots of EU external borders
Participating MS:	25 MSs: AT, DE, CZ, FI, EE, HU, IT, PL, SK, SI, FR, LV, BG, CY, GR, EI, LT, LX, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, ES, UK
Implementation phase:	2006 30 Days each expert
Budget (EUR):	399,405.00 EUR
Results:	Enhanced cooperation between the Border Guards of MSs

Name of activity:	Pilot Project; Green Border Surveillance Conference
Description (Aims):	Conference on tactics and best practices related to green borders surveillance activities
Participating MS:	22 MSs: FR, LX, DK, NO, SE, FI, EE, LT, LV, PL, DE, NL, BE, IT, AT, ES, PT, SI, SK, CZ, HU, GR
Implementation phase:	December 2006
Budget (EUR):	35,379.00 EUR
Results:	Best practices for green border surveillance tactics

Pilot Projects 2007
Focal Points
Border Management Cooperation Conference II, Boppard Symposium
Border Management Cooperation Conference III, Lisbon
Five Borders
Express

Name of activity:	Pilot Project; Focal Points
Description (Aims):	Continuation of Focal Point Offices System to enhance operational cooperation at hot spots of EU external borders
Participating MS:	10 MSs: NL, SI, SK, HU, AT, BG, DE, LV, RO, EE
Implementation phase:	July – December 2007 Ongoing
Budget (EUR):	400,000.00 EUR
Results:	Enhanced cooperation between the Border Guards of MSs

Name of activity:	Pilot Project; Border Management Cooperation Conference II, Boppard Symposium
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Description (Aims):	Follow-up event to Conference Border Delegate Organisations in Europe (2006)
Participating MS:	All MSs
Implementation phase:	April 2007
Budget (EUR):	157,000.00 EUR
Results:	Enhanced cooperation at the external land borders of EU.

Name of activity:	Pilot Project; Border Management Cooperation Conference III, Lisbon
Description (Aims):	Follow-up event to Conference Border Delegate Organisations in Europe (2006)
Participating MS:	All MSs
Implementation phase:	November 2007
Budget (EUR):	160,000.00 EUR
Results:	Follow-up event to Boppard Symposium (2007)

Name of activity:	Pilot Project; Express
Description (Aims):	Pilot Project focussing determining best practices on for border control at railway BCPs at EU external borders
Participating MS:	not available due to ongoing planning activities
Implementation phase:	December 2007 In planning phase
Budget (EUR):	100,000.00 EUR
Results:	Best practices for border control at the railways crossing the external border of EU.

Name of activity:	Pilot Project; Five Borders (URSUS I – IV Joint Operations)
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Description (Aims):	Illegal immigration at Eastern EU external borders (Hungarian-/Polish-/Slovakian-/ Romanian-Ukrainian border)
Participating MS:	PL, SK, HU, RO, FI, LV, DE, CZ, AT, BG
Implementation phase:	April-December 2007 totally 28 days
Budget (EUR):	350,000.00 EUR
Results:	More effective border management between EU MSs and Ukraine

2.5. Air border operations

Joint Operations 2006
TORINO 2006
AMAZON I
AGELAUS

Name of activity:	Joint Operation TORINO 2006 (WP 2006):
Description (Aims):	TORINO 2006 was directed to monitor the threats at the external borders from criminals and illegal migrants taking advantage of the increased numbers of passengers to gain entry to the Schengen area.
Participating MS: 15	Hosting Countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and UK. Total number of airport involved: 24 .
Operational resources:	Assets: not applicable
	5 Italian border guard were deployed in five different airports
Implementation phase	3-26/02/2006 24 days
Budget (EUR):	77.010,00
Results:	Totally 13015 passengers on the way of Torino were checked and 665 of them were subject to second line checks.

Name of activity:	Joint Operation AMAZON I (WP 2006):
Description (Aims):	AMAZON I was the first Frontex JO focused on preventing illegal immigration from South and Central America arriving at EU airports in an attempt to breach the immigration controls of the external borders.
Participating MS:	Hosting Countries: France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, UK, Portugal and Spain; Deploying Countries: 30 deployed experts with knowledge of Spanish and/or Portuguese language. Total number of airport involved: 8 .
Operational resources:	Assets: not applicable 30 deployed experts with knowledge of Spanish and/or Portuguese language. Total number of airport involved: 8 .
Implementation phase	1-22/11/2006 22 days
Budget (EUR):	206.186,66
Results:	Totally 3166 third country nationals were detected at 8 participating airports – out of that number 1992 were South American nationals.

Name of activity:	Joint Operation AGELAUUS (WP 2006):
Description (Aims):	The Joint Operation AGELAUUS was focused on minors arriving at EU airports in an attempt to breach the immigration controls of the external borders.
Participating MS:	AT, BE, CZ, EE, FI, FR, DE, HU, IT, LV, NL, PL, PT, SK, SL, ES, SE and UK. Total number of airport involved: 27 .
Interagency cooperation	Cooperation with EUROPOL
Operational resources:	Assets: not applicable It was an Agency project which adopted electronic methods to compile statistical analysis of operational results.
Implementation phase	01 – 28/02/07 28 days
Budget (EUR):	144.000

Results:	691 cases were detected involving minors that required a second level of investigation to make an appropriate decision. As a result 241 minors were refused (in many cases along with their adult traveling companions), a further 73 minors became the subject of asylum claims and another 18 were given sanctuary in safe accommodation pending further investigation, 43 forged documents were also detected. Ten adults were arrested for serious immigration offences, including human smuggling, with another 71 coming to notice. In addition, all adults traveling with the refused minors were also refused and removed.
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Joint Operations 2007
AMAZON II
AMAZON III
HYDRA
EXTENDED FAMILY
LONG STOP
ZEUS

Name of activity:	Joint Operation AMAZON II (WP 2006):
Description (Aims):	the Joint Operation AMAZON II was – like AMAZON I – focused on preventing illegal immigration from South and Central America arriving at EU airports in an attempt to breach the immigration controls of the external borders.
Participating MS:	Hosting Countries: France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, UK, Portugal and Spain; Deploying Countries: 29 deployed experts with knowledge of Spanish and/or Portuguese language. Total number of airport involved: 8 .
Operational resources:	Assets: not applicable; it was an Agency project which adopted electronic methods to compile statistical analysis of operational results.
	30 deployed experts with knowledge of Spanish and/or Portuguese language. Total number of airport involved: 8 .
Implementation phase	19/02/07 -27/03/07 19 days

Budget (EUR):	220.293
Results:	The Project confirmed that there is a problem of illegal immigration from South and Central America arriving by air at the EU external borders. Total refusal of entries for 2984 third country nationals including detections of 2178 illegal Southern and Central American nationals during this JO.

Name of activity:	Joint Operation AMAZON III (WP 2007):
Description (Aims):	the Joint Operation AMAZON III was – like AMAZON II and AMAZON I- focused on preventing illegal immigration from South and Central America arriving at EU airports in an attempt to breach the immigration controls of the external borders.
Participating MS:	Spain, Portugal, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Austria, Romania, Hungary, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Belgium and Bulgaria
Operational resources:	Assets: not applicable; 29 deployed experts with knowledge of Spanish and/or Portuguese language and 3 deployed FOCC officers.
Implementation phase info	07 – 28/11/07 22 days
Budget (EUR):	245,953
Results:	No data – implementation have not yet started

Name of activity:	Joint Operation HYDRA:
Description (Aims):	The Joint Operation HYDRA is focused on illegal immigration coming from China to EU airports.
Participating MS:	<u>Host Countries:</u> BG, CZ, FI, HU, RO, SL <u>Deploying Country Officer:</u> DE, IT, NL, PT, AT, BE, FR, PL, SL, ES, UK
Operational resources:	Assets: not applicable; The Hydra project cemented a successful practical working relationship with EUROPOL by utilizing the Information System

	to exchange sensitive information between Member States.
Implementation phase	11/04-11/05/2007 31 days
Budget (EUR):	347.276
Results:	189 illegal Chinese migrants apprehended during the Joint Operation, with a further 102 caught arriving at airports in the United Kingdom. [17 other individuals including 5 human smugglers were also detected.]

Name of activity:	Joint Operation EXTENDED FAMILY:
Description (Aims):	The activity focuses on illegal migration from Nigeria to the EU
Participating MS:	Host Countries: IT, NL, FI, HU, ES. Number of deployed officers: 19 Guest Officers, 3 Special Advisors
Operational resources:	Assets: not applicable;
	No data – implementation is ongoing
Implementation phase	The Introductory meeting took place on 24 Sept 2007; The briefing meeting for the deployed officers took place on 3 rd October 2007. The first phase of JO is scheduled to commence on 7 th Oct 2007. First operational phase: 07/10/07-20/10/07 14 days Second operational phase: 03/11/07-16/11/07 14 days
Budget (EUR):	225.493,00
Results:	No data – implementation is ongoing

Name of activity:	Joint Operation LONG STOP:
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Description (Aims):	The Joint Operation LS is focused on Pakistani, Sri Lankan and Bangladeshi Nationals arriving at EU airports in an attempt to breach the immigration controls of the external borders. The activity is designed to support local border guards at target airports regarding illegal immigration to EU from Asian Sub Continent and to create a handbook to detect forged documents out of this region.
Participating MS:	EST, AUT, CZ, IT, EL, FI, DE, PL, FR, NL+
Operational resources:	Assets: not applicable;
	No data – implementation is ongoing
Implementation phase	26/11/2007-10/12/2007 15days
Budget (EUR):	139.140,00
Results:	No data – implementation is ongoing

Name of activity:	Joint Operation ZEUS (combined sea and air borders operation):
Description (Aims):	Combined Jointed Operation focusing on the EU sea and air borders and specifically regarding seamen in transit. It aims at combating the illegal immigration by means of more efficient detection of false seamen.
Participating MS:	13: BE, CY, DE, FI, GR, IT, LV, NL, PL, PT, RO, SE, UK, ES.
Operational resources:	Assets: not applicable
	EU MS Experts: 11
Implementation phase:	15/10/07-30/10/2007 15 days.
Budget (EUR):	120,000
Results:	No data – implementation have not yet started

2.6. Pilot Projects at air borders

Pilot Projects 2007

Argonauts
Poseidon

Name of activity:	Pilot Project ARGONAUTS:
Description (Aims):	<p>The Pilot Project ARGONAUTS is focused on Border Security for Major Events.</p> <p>The aim is to establish best practices and compiling a common Handbook for Border Guards to carry out sufficient border security controls and surveillances before, during and after major sport or mass events (e.g. EURO2008, concerts...).</p>
Participating MS:	AT, DE, GR, IT, LV, NO, PT, Switzerland;
Operational resources:	<p>Assets: not applicable;</p> <p>No data – implementation is ongoing</p>
Implementation phase:	<p>First (introductory) meeting was held on 31 July 2007- Main objectives were achieved; Implementation: 1st workshop: 11-14 September 2007; 2nd workshop: 9-12 October 2007; Closure of the project (meeting): 4-5 December 2007 with a preparatory experts meeting on 3rd of December 2007. Submitted on 20/03/2006, JO on going,</p> <p>15/10/07-30/10/2007 (15 days).</p>
Budget (EUR):	50.430
Results:	Pilot Project in process, results not final, full evaluation will follow No data – implementation is ongoing

Name of activity:	Pilot Project POSEIDON 2007:
Description (Aims):	<p>The Pilot Project POSEIDON is focused on illegal immigration via Turkey to EU South Eastern Air Borders, in parallel to the third stage of the same-named sea/land Joint Operation.</p> <p>The aim is to detect the capacity of diversion and the means used by the criminal networks involved in smuggling of people and trafficking in human beings and to achieve a complete border management overview at the south-eastern border, contributing to the completion of the objectives of Joint Operation Poseidon II.</p>

Participating MS:	Greece and Bulgaria
Operational resources:	Assets: not applicable;
	No data – implementation is ongoing
Implementation phase:	18/09-07/10/2007
Budget (EUR):	9,064.00
Results:	Pilot Project in process, results not final, full evaluation will follow No data – implementation is ongoing

2.7. Management of technical assets (CRATE)

Cases where equipment listed in CRATE has been requested and/or used

- Operation Poseidon 2007 – heartbeat detectors from UK
- Operation Hermes 2007 – aircraft Falcon from FR

2.8. Other achievements

Frontex has set up centralised records of technical equipment for border control belonging to Member States, which they, on a voluntary basis and upon request from another Member State, are willing to put at the disposal of that Member State for a temporary period in accordance with Article 7 of Frontex Regulation. A first periodical needs analysis has been carried out in January 2007. Since July 2007 Member States have access to the centralised records of available technical equipment (CRATE). So far Frontex has concluded bilateral agreements with 13 Member States / Schengen Associated Countries.

Frontex is organising the first exercise of rapid border intervention teams in 2007. In total, the exercise is involving 17 Member States / Schengen Associated Countries, including the host Member State, Portugal.

3. TRAINING

3.1. Projects

2006

Project	Participating countries/International organizations	Number of meetings and participants
Translator workshop	Austria, Greece, Italy, Spain, Germany, the Netherlands, United Kingdom	2 meetings, 13 participants

Development of common training tool for 3 rd countries	Austria, Germany, Greece, Malta, Spain, the Netherlands, United Kingdom	2 meetings, 14 participants
Common Core Curriculum	Austria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom	10 workshops/meetings, 107 participants
Forged Documents/Document Expert Board	Italy, Romania, Finland and Switzerland, United Kingdom, Germany, Poland, Italy, Finland, the Netherlands, Portugal, Lithuania, Ireland, Sweden	2 workshops and 1 meeting, 19 participants
Partnership Academies	Austria, Finland, Lithuania, Germany, UK, Italy, Slovakia.	1 meeting, 15 participants
Mid Level Course	Germany, Sweden, Slovenia, Hungary, UK, Lithuania, the Netherlands	2 meetings, 14 participants
Joint Return training	Austria, Denmark, UK, The Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, France, Spain.	5 meetings, 75 participants
Helicopter Pilots' training	Italy, Greece, Germany, Malta and Cyprus, Finland	1 meeting, 9 participants
Training Coordinators	All EU Member States and Schengen Associated Countries	3 meetings, 120 participants
European Training Day 2006	All EU Member States and Schengen Associated Countries	1 meeting, 30 participants
Detection of stolen cars	Austria and Hungary	1 meeting, 10 participants
Training for dog handlers	Austria, Slovenia, Latvia, the Czech Republic, Poland	1 meeting, 5 participants

2007

Project	Participating countries/International organizations	Number of meetings and participants
Translation workshop	Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine	1 meeting, 5 participants
Helicopter Pilots'	Italy, Greece, Germany, Malta and	1 coordination group meeting with 7 participants,

training	Cyprus	4 trainings with 40 participants
Common Core Curriculum	Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, UNHCR, IOM, EAC	16 meetings, 171 participants
Joint Flight Return standardized training	All EU Member States, Schengen Associated Countries, Switzerland.	4 meetings with 12 participants; 6 trainings with 97 participants
Mid-Level Course	Austria, Bulgaria, Romania, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, Germany, Italy, Malta, Cyprus, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, France, Slovakia, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Greece, Norway	3 meetings with 15 participants; 4 trainings with 60 trainees
Detection of stolen cars	Austria, Hungary and Slovakia	2 meetings with 20 participants; 12 trainings with 240 trainees
Partnership Academies	Austria, Finland, Germany, United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Italy, Slovak Republic, Lithuania	3 meetings, 32 participants
Forged Documents/Document Expert Board	The Netherlands, Germany, Slovenia, Portugal, Malta, Denmark, the Czech Republic, Luxembourg, Finland, Lithuania, United Kingdom, Latvia, Estonia, Sweden, Austria, France, Iceland, Poland and Romania nominated experts	2 meetings, 16 participants
EU Training Day 2007	All EU Member States and Schengen Associated Countries	1 meeting, 30 participants
Training Coordinators	All EU Member States and Schengen Associated Countries	3 meetings, 90 participants
RABIT Training Development	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Sweden, Poland, Spain, Romania, Slovenia, Lithuania	3 meetings, 75 participants

3.2. Other achievements

The Training Unit of Frontex has invested considerable effort in the development of efficient working relationships with the involved stakeholders. Active participation of the EU Member States and Schengen Associated Countries in training activities organized by the Training Unit of Frontex as well as the established consensus that cooperation in training matters serves as the basis for successfully working together at the external borders.

4. RISK ANALYSIS

4.1. General – Annual Risk Assessments

	Title	Date
1	Assessment of the situation concerning illegal migration at the EU external borders 2006	Feb 07
2	Supplementary document to the Annual Risk Assessment 2006	Jun 07

4.2. Tailored assessments

	Title	Date
1	Threat Assessment Winter Olympics 2006	Jan 06
2	Assessment of the new threat of illegal migration from Mauritania to the EU	Mar 06
3	Brief Assessment of illegal migration flows and routes in the African continent	Mar 06
4	Joint Risk Assessment Frontex /Federal Republic of Germany Regarding Football World Championship FIFA 2006	May 06
5	Frontex Assessment of the situation concerning illegal migration flows from Africa to the EU external borders with particular focus on Libya and Morocco	May 06
6	Assessment Regarding Common Core Curriculum Monitoring System	Jul 06
7	Brief Summary of Illegal Immigration Routes at the Eastern and South Eastern European External Borders	Jan 07
8	Joint Frontex- Europol Report: Determination of High Risk Routes Regarding Illegal Migration in the Western Balkan	Feb 07

	Countries	
9	Report regarding the request for expertise on surveillance on the Danube in Romania IISDRAD	Mar 07
10	Illegal Immigration from West-Africa towards Europe Request for Information of SIAC (EU Joint SitCen)	Jun 07
11	Threat assessment on the external land and maritime borders of the Member States eligible for the External Borders Fund for the year 2005	Jun 07
12	Threat assessment on the external land and maritime borders of the Member States eligible for the External Borders Fund for the year 2006	Jun 07
13	Interim Risk Analysis Report Re: Illegal Immigration from Algeria to Sardinia	Aug 07

4.3. Tailored Assessments in preparation by the Risk Analysis Unit, to be completed in 2007/ early 2008

	Title
1	Update of the Situation Regarding Illegal Immigration from China to the EU
2	Asian Illegal Migration Routes through Africa
3	Migration from Iraq – Developments and Problems
4	Illegal Migration from Ukraine
5	Trafficking in Human Beings from Ukraine
6	Trafficking in Human Beings (and Minors) Focusing on Nigerian Nationals with Links to Sexual Exploitation
7	Black Sea as a Potential Route for Illegal Migration
8	Impact of Schengen Enlargement on Illegal Migration and Cross Border Offences at the External Borders of the Member States
9	Tailored Risk Assessment regarding EURO 2008

4.4. Other achievements

The Risk Analysis Unit has produced in total over 40 analytical ex-ante assessments and evaluations specifically linked to Frontex joint operations.

During 2005-2007 the concept of the Frontex Risk Analysis Network (FRAN) consisting of Member States' and Schengen Associated Countries' Risk Analysis Units has been developed. The system for regular exchange of information (Incident Reporting System-IRS, Monthly Analytical Reports and Monthly Statistical reports) within FRAN has been officially launched on 18 September 2007 during the Third Annual FRAN regular expert meeting. Agreement on the use of the IConet as the channel for exchange was reached.

To date the Risk Analysis Unit has produced several restricted and public bulletins:

- 2 Law Enforcement Bulletins: May 2006, November 2006
- 3 Public Bulletins: February 2007, May 2007, September 2007

As a result of the functioning of the regular reporting system, restricted Analytical Bulletins will be issued by the Risk Analysis Unit on a quarterly basis, starting from 2008.

The Frontex Situation Centre as part of the Risk Analysis Unit has been defined as a project to be implemented during 2008. The model and terms of reference for the deployment of Risk Analysis Intelligence Officers has been developed during 2007. Intelligence Officers (Intelligence cells) will be set up in two strategic areas of the external borders of the European Union during 2008.

Cooperation Frontex-Europol: the Risk Analysis Unit has been maintaining permanent working contacts with Europol, especially the Crime Against Persons Unit and the Analysis Unit. As a consequence of the tasking from the EU Council (Action Oriented papers) Frontex-Europol produced and delivered the Joint Report: Determination of High Risk Routes Regarding Illegal Migration in the Western Balkan Countries. Regular semestrial meetings between Europol and Frontex take place since the second half of 2007. Europol and Frontex reciprocally contribute to the Analytical bulletins of each Agency. The Risk Analysis Unit has provided to Europol a Frontex contribution to the OCTA 2006 and will be providing a contribution to the OCTA 2007. Europol and Frontex, together with ICMPD, lead on the Mediterranean Transit Migration joint project, having managed and participated in several products such as the Intelligence electronic MAP on Migration Routes and the organisation of relevant workshops and experts meetings, such as the one on Apprehension and Readmission held in the headquarters of Frontex in Warsaw on 3-5 September 2007, organised by the Risk Analysis Unit.

Cooperation with third countries and international organisations has been relevant, especially during 2007. This is the case with IOM, UNHCR, EUBAM, EUPT, Ukrainian Border Service, and others. Additionally, contacts with EC Delegations in third countries has been launched and channelled through DG JLS.

As tasked in the Work Programme 2006 and 2007, the concept of the revised CIRAM has been elaborated and is now in the testing phase.

5. FOLLOW UP TO RESEARCH

2006

Projects:

- Examination of operational needs of the MS in the field of green border surveillance
- 2 study visits: Austria and Finland
- Examination of biometrics at the airports
- 4 study visits – Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Paris and London airports

Workshops:

- Application of Technologies within the Framework of Border Security Concepts among the Member States
- Expanding the dialogue on RD in the field of EU external border management

Reports and bulletins:

- Summary of workshop on the Application of Technologies within the Framework of Border Security Concepts among the Member States
- Summary of workshop on Expanding the Dialogue on RD in the Field of EU External Border Management
- Bulletin – New Technologies in Maritime Surveillance
- Bulletin – Devices and Technologies Used for the Searching of Vehicles and Containers in EU ports, in order to Detect Illegal Entrants.

2007

Projects:

- Examination of operational needs of the MS in the field of green border surveillance
- Examination of biometrics at the airports
- Border TechNet- stakeholder network of the end users, research community and industry
- 2 study visits – EDA and ESA
- ICARUS – project to identify current status of aerial surveillance technologies applicable to detection of illegal immigrants at the green borders
- EU Green Border Atlas
- 2 study visits – tbd

- Technical support to the EU Commission
- Secure Communication Links

Workshops and seminars:

- Workshop – 30/31 May 2007 – *Border TechNet tool* – stakeholder network of the end users, research community and industry:
- Workshop on "Capability Needs in terms of New Technologies at the Green Borders of the EU" – 19 July 2007:
- Workshop on biometric technologies as a follow up of the BIOPASS Study on Automated Biometric Border Crossing Systems for Registered passengers at European Airports – 9 August 2007
- Workshop on *Blue Borders* – planned for November 2007
- Workshop on *UAVs for border surveillance* planned for December 2008.

Reports and bulletins:

- Border TechNet report, September 2007
- Report “Identification of Capability Needs in the Field of Green Border Surveillance: Case studies of Austria and Finland”, July 2007
- Summary of Green Borders workshop, September 2007
- BIOPASS report, September 2007
- Summary of BIOPASS workshop, planned for October 2007
- Border Security and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, planned for October 2007
- Summary of workshop on Research Collaboration with Member States planned for October 2007.
- Summary of workshop on Blue Borders, planned for December 2007

Meetings, conferences, seminars

- Meeting of the Committee on Immigration and Asylum - 15 June 2007, DG JLS, Brussels
- Evaluation of FP 7 proposals – 25 June – 11 July 2007, Brussels
- Meeting with IPSC-JRC Acting Director – Dr. Alois Sieber – to discuss the partnership agreement between the two institutions as well as future projects pertaining to the border security – 4 July 2007, Frontex
- Informal SCIFA meeting – 4-5 July, 2007, Lisbon, Portugal

- SOBCAH. Meeting – 17 July 2007 in Genoa port (Italy)
- STABORSEC meeting (with JRC and Sagem)– 10 August 2007, Frontex, Poland
- Meeting on UAV Traffic Insertion Sense & Avoid – 4-5 September 2007, EDA, Brussels
- Meeting with national research and technology organizations, 6 September, Frontex, Poland
- ESRIF plenary meeting – 11 September 2007, Brussels
- Workshop – Border Surveillance by UAV – 19 September 2007, Paris, France
- STACCATO workshop – 18-19 September 2007, JRC, Ispra, Italy
- Meeting with GMV Aerospace and Guardia Civil on MARISS Project – Space technologies to support maritime security (maritime traffic, borders, immigration control, illegal trafficking) - 20 September 2007, Spain, Las Palmas
- ASD Annual Convention 2007 – Workshop on Sustainable Security – 4-5 October, Barcelona
- Participation in the IGC (Inter-Governmental Consultations on Asylum, Refugee and Migration Policies) Working Group on Technology – 11 – 12 October, Geneva (planned)
- ESRIF plenary meeting – 12 October, Brussels
- Paris International Air Show – 18-19 June, 2007, Paris, France
- Conference ‘ Innovating in defence and security at EU level – for more secure and better controlled global environments’ – 18 June, Paris
- Electronic Passport Forum –20-21 June 2007 in Istanbul, Turkey

6. RETURN OPERATIONS

6.1. List of operations for which the agency provided for assistance

2006				
Organizing MS	Participating states (with returnees)	Participating states (with observers)	Destination country	Total no. of returnees
Austria	Poland, France		Armenia, Georgia	8
Germany	France, Malta, Netherlands, Switzerland	Austria, Republic, Poland	Czech Italy, Togo, Benin Guinea	31

Germany	France, Luxembourg, Spain, Switzerland	Czech Republic, Italy, Poland	Cameroon, Togo	35
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2007				
Organizing MS	Participating states (with returnees)	Participating states (with observers)	Destination country	Total no. of returnees
Germany	Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Spain, Switzerland	Czech Republic, Romania	Cameroon, Ghana	28
Italy	Austria, France, Germany, Romania, Spain	Malta	Nigeria	50
Netherlands	Germany, France, Switzerland		Cameroon, Togo	21
Germany	France, Poland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain,	Czech Republic, Italy	Cameroon, Togo	26
Austria	France		Kosovo	22
Spain	Italy, France	Germany	Ecuador, Colombia	75
United Kingdom	Netherlands, Belgium, France, Italy, Norway		Kosovo, Albania	36
Germany	Switzerland		Togo, Benin (originally Togo, Guinea)	13
Netherlands	Belgium, France, Germany		Cameroon	16

6.2. Projects

2006

1) Title: Identification of Best Practices

Ref. no.: 2006/OPS/1

Basis: Article 9(2) of the Frontex Regulation

General objective: To identify best practices for the acquisition of travel documents and the removal of illegally present third country nationals

State of play: ongoing, a closure meeting will be organized in November 2007.

2) Title: Joint Operations in Malta

Ref. no.: 2006/OPS/14

Basis: Request of Malta

General objective: To assist Malta in immigrants' identification thereby increasing percentage of identified illegal immigrants

State of play: finished.

3) Title: Joint Return Operation organized by Austria

Ref. no.: 2006/OPS/11

Basis: Request of Austria

General objective: To provide Austria, Poland and other potential participating MS with the necessary assistance in organizing a joint return operation and to ensure its successful implementation in close co-operation with the participants.

State of play: finished.

2007

1) Title: Exchange of Return-related Information

Ref. no.: 2007/OPS/7

Basis: Article 9(1) of the Frontex Regulation, MoU Concerning the development of the secure web-based Information and Co-ordination Network for Member States' Migration Management Services, between the European Commission and Frontex

General objective: To improve exchange of return-related information between the Member States, Schengen Associated Countries, and Switzerland and between them and Frontex.

State of play: finished.

2) *Title: Joint Return Operation Core Country Group*

Ref. no.: 2007/OPS/18

Basis: Article 9(1) of the Council Regulation No 2007/2004 establishing Frontex

General objective: To regularly identify common needs for joint return operations in the Member States, determine mutual approach for such operations and increase existing co-operation under Frontex coordination and via its teamwork with the core countries. To offer initiated joint return operations to all MS.

State of play: ongoing.

6.3. Assistance to MS

2006

- Assistance to Spain in collecting information on returns to Eritrea.
- Slovakia requested assistance in finding a fellow European country organizing a return flight to Nigeria.
- Frontex supported Germany during the preparation of a project proposal, under the EU funding programme for Preparatory Actions 2006 in the Area of Return Management, by gathering information on 6 African countries in the field of return matters from all MS/SAC and Switzerland.

2007

- Finland requested assistance in finding a fellow EU country organizing a return charter flight to the Democratic Republic of the Congo-Kinshasa.
- Slovenia asked for assistance in finding a country organizing a charter flight to Nigeria.
- Frontex gathered information on MS/SAC/CH' experiences in carrying out return flights to Iraq (both voluntary and forced) at the request of Germany and provided the overview to all the states.
- Frontex assisted all MS by providing them with information on the Swiss offer of available seats on their planned return flight to Kosovo and Armenia; further communication was about the change of destination states: Serbia and Armenia.
- Slovenia requested assistance in gathering information on returns by commercial flights to Sri Lanka.
- Frontex assisted all MS by providing them with information on the Swiss offer of available seats on their planned return flight to Hungary and Kosovo; further communication was about the change of destination states: Hungary and Turkey.
- Malta asked for assistance in finding a country organizing a charter flight to Mali.
- Cyprus requested assistance in returning Iranian nationals.

- Slovenia requested assistance in returning a Ghanaian national to the country of origin.
- Belgium informed on their intention to plan a joint return operation to Brazil and asked Frontex for exploring the interest of other states in a first stage.

6.4. Meetings

2006

- April: 1st Meeting with Working Group of Experts within the project Identification of Best Practices
- November: 2nd Meeting with Working Group of Experts within the project Identification of Best Practices

2007

- April: 1st Meeting with Direct Contact Points in Return Matters
- May: Meeting on ICONet within the project Exchange of Return-related Information
- September: 1st Meeting within the project Joint Return Operation Core Country Group
- September: 2nd Meeting with Direct Contact Points in Return Matters

6.5. Other achievements

A Frontex representative took part in the advance party to Cameroon in April 2007; within a German project “Joint organisation and execution of collective flights for removal of third country nationals”, no. JLS/2005/RETURN.

Frontex promoted and improved the structure and content of the ICONet-Return Section, including different forms, tables and overviews. Lots of information was collected and uploaded into this section. Annual Return Operations Schedule of planned national and joint return operations was created. Representatives of MS/SAC/CH, in particular from the operational level, were encouraged to apply for ICONet access and a profile of a “Return Contact” to extend the number of users.

Frontex Return Operations Officers actively took part in the Standardized Training for Joint Return Officers, developed by Frontex Training Unit.

7. COOPERATION WITH EUROPOL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

The strategic cooperation agreement with Europol is to be signed in the coming months after scrutiny by Europol of the recently adopted Frontex security manual.

The Frontex Executive Director has received a mandate to negotiate working arrangements with UNHCR, IOM and Interpol and draft working arrangements have been exchanged with the three organisations. ICMPD and EUBAM are organisations with which Frontex has established a solid working relationship through the participation in common projects or operations.

Frontex has also established contacts or is cooperating with other EU Agencies such as CEPOL, Eurojust, EMSA and SitCen. Other organisations that are seeking cooperation with Frontex and where first contacts have been made are DCAF, SECI, IBPC and OSCE.

8. COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES

8.1. Third countries with which working arrangements are concluded:

Russian Federation, Ukraine and the Swiss Confederation

8.2. Mandates given by the Management Board in 2006 and 2007:

Croatia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Cape Verde, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Senegal and the Coordination Service of the CIS.

9. STAFFING

Staff	2006 Jan	2007 Jan	2007 Dec (foreseen)
Number of TA	1	21	49
Number of CA	0	11	26
Number of SNE	27	34	67
Total	28	66	142

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1. Overall Frontex budget

Total budget (million euro)	2006	2007	2008
	19.166.300	42.150.300	70.432.000

10.2. Breakdown

2006	Budget adopted by the Budgetary Authority	Amendment nr 1 (Aug)	Amended budget nr 1	Amendment nr 2 (Nov)	Amended budget nr 2
EC subsidy	11.754.000	3.400.000	15.154.000	3.786.000	18.940.000
Other	546.000	/	546.000	- 319.700	226.300

revenue (UK/IE, SACs)					
Total	12.300.000	3.400.000	15.700.000	3.466.300	19.166.300

Notes: 3.4 Meur were recovered from the Agency's 2005 budget in the first half of 2006. These became assigned revenue and could then be transferred back to Frontex when it needed additional money in summer 2006.

In November 2006 the EP transferred additional credits to the Agency due to a need for additional money for administrative expenditure. During the second amendment Frontex also revised the amounts under 'other revenue' to reflect the actual situation in 2006. No agreement was signed yet with the SACs and therefore no payment was foreseen. Only the amount from UK was taken into account.

2007	PDB proposed by the Commission	Increase proposed by the EP	Budget adopted by the Budgetary Authority	Amendment nr 1 (Aug)	Amended budget nr 1
EC subsidy	21.200.000	12.780.000	33.980.000	7.000.000	40.980.000
Other revenue (UK/IE, SACs)	1.000.000	/	1.170.300	/	1.170.300
Total	22.200.000	12.780.000	35.150.300	7.000.000	42.150.300

Notes: 12.780.000 Eur out of the 33.980.000 Eur were put into the reserve and only released mid-2007.

Following concerns raised by several Member States regarding the Agency's capacity to respond to challenges brought about by maritime pressure, the Commission announced during the JHA Council of 12 and 13 June 2007 that it would examine the possibility of strengthening the Agency's budget. In August 2007 the Commission made available an additional 7 M€ to Frontex.

2008	PDB proposed by the Commission	Increase proposed by the EP	Draft budget adopted by the MB in Nov 2007	Budget adopted by the Budgetary Authority
EC subsidy	38.000.000	30.000.000	68.000.000	68.000.000
Other revenue (UK/IE, SACs)	1.000.000	/	2.432.000	2.432.000

Total	39.000.000	30.000.000	70.432.000	70.432.000
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Notes: On 7 November 2007 the MB adopted (by written procedure) the draft budget for 2008. By then the approximate contributions from the SACs was established and therefore the figures were revised accordingly.

Division of the annual budget between administrative and operational expenditures (in € and %)					
		€	%	€	%
2006	Administrative/Operative	6,100,000	31.83	13,066,300	68.17
2007	Administrative/Operative	14,460,000	34.46	27,496,000	65.54

10.3. Budget for operations and pilot projects

Total allocations to operations (compared to the overall operational budget) related to					
		2006		2007	
		€	%	€	%
A	sea borders	9,229,300	70.63	8,165,000	40.17
B	land borders	910,000	6.96	3,600,000	17.71
C	air borders	315,000	2.41	1,800,000	8.85

Overall financial commitments for joint operations (in €) related to	2006	2007
at sea borders	7,943,000	10,941,315
at land borders	3,672	909,643
at air borders	350,186	968,939
Involving different types of borders	711,864	2,300,000

Overall financial commitments for pilot projects	2006	2007
at sea borders	762,814	142,000

at land borders	130,421	880,664
at air borders	0	59,494
Involving different types of borders	504,068	400,000