

MEMORANDUM

on the establishment of Operational Cooperation in border related matters

between

the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (Frontex)

and

the Coordination Service of the Commonwealth of Independent States Border Commandants' Council (SKPV Coordination Service)

Frontex and the SKPV Coordination Service,

Based on their declared intention to develop operational cooperation within the scope of their respective remits,

Guided by the decision of the CIS Border Commandants' Council of 19 October 2006, 'On Drafting the Guideline Document on the Interaction in Border Related Matters between Frontex and the SKPV Coordination Service',

Referring to the decision of the Management Board of Frontex of 25 May 2007 to negotiate a Working Arrangement with the SKPV Coordination Service,

Having regard to the Frontex Regulation¹, and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Have agreed on establishing working contacts and operational cooperation in the following fields of activity:

1. Exchanging unclassified (strategic level) information and analytical materials related to matters falling within the scope of legal authority and considered to be of mutual interest;
2. Sharing respective experiences and best practices related to border security management;
3. Establishing, when necessary, expert working groups with a view to considering specific border security management related issues and elaborating commonly agreed corresponding recommendations;

¹ Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 of 26 October 2004 establishing a European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (OJ L 349, 25.11.2004, P 1), as last amended.

4. Inviting mutually competent experts to workshops, meetings and conferences, dedicated to the issues of border security management;
5. Exploring the possibilities to carry out parallel organised joint operations by Frontex and the SKPV Coordination Service;
6. Launching on the basis of mutual consent, pilot projects related to border security involving representatives of Frontex and the SKPV Coordination Service;
7. Cooperating in the field of training, which would take place on the basis of mutual consent;

The Executive Director of Frontex and the Chairman of the SKPV Coordination Service intend to maintain a dialogue concerning the practical implementation of the present Memorandum.

Frontex and the SKPV Coordination Service may appoint dedicated contact points to deal with more specific areas of cooperation related to border security management.

Nothing in this Memorandum will replace or affect the ongoing or future planned bi-lateral operational/technical cooperation which Frontex or the SKPV Coordination Service establishes with the national competent authorities of their respective partner countries.

Signed in two copies in English and Russian language each. In case of any ambiguity in the interpretation of the text, the English version prevails.

For the European Agency for the
Management of Operational Cooperation
at the External Borders of the Member
States of the European Union

For the Coordination Service of
the CIS Border Commandants'
Council

16 December 2010, Warsaw

16 December 2010, Moscow

[signed]

Ilkka Laitinen
Executive Director

[signed]

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