

TERMS OF REFERENCE

on the Establishment of Operational Co-operation between the European Agency for the Management of Operational Co-operation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union(FRONTEX) and the Border Guard Service of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation

The European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (hereinafter referred to as FRONTEX) and the Border Guard Service of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation have arrived at the present arrangements on launching operational cooperation with regard to the following basic principle, objectives, tasks, contents and organisation of the co-operation:

1. Basic principle

FRONTEX and the Border Guard Service of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation emphasised that the intended co-operation shall be developed gradually. The aim is to work towards a sustainable partnership.

2. Objectives and tasks

- (1) To counter irregular migration by means of Border Control.
- (2) To strengthen law and public order and security at the borders between EU Member States and Russia.

3. Contents

- (1) Active discussion on development at technical level of border procedures, including matters aiming at more efficient border control, best practices, improvement of technical equipment and technological upgrading at the borders.
- (2) Improvement of interaction between command / management structures and units responsible for border control of the national borders between EU Member States and Russia.
- (3) Coordination of joint operational measures for maintaining and improving border management between the EU Member States and Russia, elaboration of ideas on technical improvement of these measures.

4. Organisation

(1) A structured dialogue on the operational co-operation in border-related matters shall be maintained between the Executive Director of FRONTEX and the Deputy Head of the Border Guard Service of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation.

(2) Daily contact shall be maintained via agreed Points of Contact. When necessary, expert working groups shall be established with a view to considering specific issues and elaborating corresponding recommendations.

(3) The cooperation shall facilitate measures taken by FRONTEX and the Border Guard Service of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation.

5. Alterations and Additions

FRONTEX and the Border Guard Service of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation shall introduce alterations and additions into the present document based on their mutual consent.

6. Legal status

The present Terms of Reference shall not be considered an international treaty. Practical implementation of its contents shall not be regarded as the fulfillment of international obligations by the European Union and Russian Federation.

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