MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION No 18/2013
of 25 September 2013

on Frontex Operational Office in Piraeus, Greece

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Having regard to the Frontex Regulation\(^1\), in particular Article 16 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Article 4 of Management Board Decision No1/2010, Frontex Management Board established the first Frontex Operational Office (FOO) as a pilot project,

(2) Pursuant to Article 6 of Management Board Decision No 1/2010, the first pilot project FOO had been evaluated and on the basis of this evaluation Frontex Management Board decided on 20 March 2012 to extend the duration of the pilot project till 31 December 2013\(^2\),

(3) Pursuant to Articles 2 and 3 of Management Board Decision No 7/2012, the extended pilot project FOO has been assessed by the Steering Committee which submitted to the Management Board the final evaluation report with a draft proposal for decision-making on the establishment of the FOO,

(4) The results of the evaluation on the feasibility of the creation of a European System of Border Guards and the Evaluation of the Agency according to Article 33 of the Frontex Regulation will affect future decisions on the FOO,

(5) The final evaluation report stressed that the border areas that are most likely to deal with illegal border crossings remain the Southern Mediterranean coast and the borders with Turkey. It is recommended that Frontex continues providing support directly through its physical presence on the spot for the two coming years.

---


\(^2\) Management Board Decision No 7/2012 of 20 March 2012 on the "Pilot Project Frontex Operational Office"
HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Frontex Operational Office

1. The Frontex Operational Office (FOO) in Piraeus is operational as of 1 January 2014 until 31 December 2015.

2. Before the end of the period set forth in the previous paragraph, the Executive Director prepares a proposal for a new Management Board decision on the future of the FOO.

Article 2
Tasks

1. The FOO concentrates on hot spots of irregular migration and other border security risks that require a reinforced presence of Frontex in a flexible way.

2. The tasks of the FOO are described in the annex attached to this decision. The practical implementation of particular tasks is prioritised by the Executive Director according to the operational needs.

Article 3
Resource allocation

The Executive Director decides on resource allocation for the effective and efficient implementation of tasks mentioned in Article 2.

Article 4
Entry into force

This decision enters into force on the day following the date of its adoption.

Done in Vilnius, 25 September 2013

For the Management Board

[signed]
Ralf Göbel
Chairperson
ANNEX:

Tasks of Frontex Operational Office

1. Contribution to the implementation of JO and JRO with focus on (monitoring and supporting) the tasks of the International Coordination Centres.

2. Participation at the preparation and contribution to the evaluation of Joint Operations (JO) including Joint Return Operations (JRO), including the support of respective decision making.

3. Further contributing to border management related capacity building activities, including return related activities.

4. Providing information for situational awareness in the region and reporting on events related to JO.

5. Gathering and assessing Information and Intelligence for risk analysis purposes.

6. Networking with all relevant stakeholders involved in the core Member States for operational coordination and intelligence gathering.

7. Promoting the cooperation with EASO, Europol and other relevant EU bodies.