

MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION No 31/2015
of 09 September 2015

on the deployment of a Frontex Liaison Officer to Turkey

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Having regard to the Frontex Regulation¹, in particular Article 14(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The operational cooperation with third countries in particular those who are countries of origin and/or transit of migratory flows is to be strengthened.
- (2) The risk analysis of Frontex shows that Turkey constitutes a country of origin, transit and destination of irregular migration.
- (3) Taking into account Turkey's EU Candidate status, the Agency' cooperation with the competent authorities of Turkey attracts highest priority.
- (4) The Management Board agreed, in its 52nd meeting on 18/19 February 2015, to prioritise Turkey as a third country for the deployment of a Frontex Liaison Officer.
- (5) The European Commission expressed, on 22 July 2015, its positive opinion on the deployment of a Frontex Liaison Officer to Turkey.
- (6) The European External Action Service expressed its agreement to the posting of the Liaison Officer to the EU Delegation in Ankara.
- (7) The Turkish authorities declared their interest to receive a Liaison Officer posted by Frontex and committed to provide the highest possible level of protection to the Liaison Officer.
- (8) A Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed, on 28 May 2012, establishing cooperation between Frontex and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.

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

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Subject

The deployment of a Frontex Liaison Officer to Turkey is hereby approved.

Article 2

Tasks

1. The Frontex Liaison Officer to Turkey is entrusted to develop and maintain operational cooperation and coordination between Frontex and Turkey in line with the Agency's mandate and Annual Programme of Work.
2. Detailed tasks of the Frontex Liaison Officer to Turkey are annexed to this decision.

Article 3

Posting and Deployment

1. The Frontex Liaison Officer to Turkey will be posted to the EU Delegation in Ankara.
2. The Executive Director will inform the Management Board on the date of the effective deployment of the Frontex Liaison Officer to Turkey.

Article 4

Entry into force

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

Done in Warsaw, 09 September 2015

For the Management Board

[signed]

Ralf Göbel
Chairperson

Annex to the
Management Board Decision No 31/2015 of 09/09/2015
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Tasks of Frontex Liaison Officer in Turkey

Reporting to the Director of Operations Division, the Frontex Liaison Officer to Turkey will

Operational role

- Facilitate and support the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding and the Cooperation Plan between Frontex and Turkey;
- Develop and maintain operational cooperation and coordination between Frontex and Turkey in line with the Agency's mandate and Annual Programme of Work;
- Hold meetings and maintain contacts with the relevant Turkish authorities/institutions involved in border management, migration or cross-border crime with the aim to foster operational cooperation, facilitate information/intelligence sharing and support joint analytical work;
- Contribute and participate with expertise to events, projects or activities to which Frontex is managing, supporting or invited to;
- Draft and elaborate field assessments, reports, letters, briefing notes and other ad hoc responses to enquiries or requests for information from Frontex HQ;
- Cooperate with the EEAS/EU Delegation in Ankara;
- Monitor, and when necessary report, about key developments that could impact on the EU's external borders and internal security.

Liaison role

- Liaise with the designated Turkish National Frontex Point of Contact (NFPOC);
- Liaise and exchange information with Immigration Liaison Officers, Airport Liaison Officers, Police Liaison Officers, JHA/Immigration Attachés, diplomatic and consular staff (including Schengen local cooperation) of the respective EU Member States and Schengen Associated Countries' diplomatic missions accredited to Turkey;
- Liaise with International Organisations and EU bodies in Turkey;
- Establish and maintain contacts with Ministries, civil society, regional organisations and other local stakeholders in the field of border management, migration and cross-border crime.

Supporting role

- Coordinate and assist in the organisation of part in meetings, trainings, workshops, seminars and other activities held by Frontex;
 - Contribute to the Immigration Liaison Officers network meetings held in Turkey and other similar Turkey' based or regional networks;
 - Contribute to the implementation of the Council Regulation (EC) No 377/2004 of 19 February 2004 on the creation of an Immigration Liaison Officers network;
 - Support the implementation of technical assistance projects led by Frontex in the country/region.
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