

MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION No 54/2015
of 11 December 2015

**on the practical arrangements for the participation in and financial
contribution to Frontex operational activities by Ireland**

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Having regard to the Frontex Regulation¹, in particular Article 20(5) and Article 29(1) thereof,

Whereas,

The procedure established in Management Board (MB) Decision 31/2007 on the practical arrangements for participation of Ireland in Frontex operational activities² has proven to be inefficient and burdensome and a need to reform it was identified.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Procedure

1. Ireland submits to the MB its annual request, within two weeks after the adoption of the Frontex Annual Work Programme or at the latest by 15 December of the year N-1.
2. In its annual request, Ireland indicates, using the template in the Annex:
 - a) which operational activities coordinated by Frontex it intends to participate in;
 - b) how Ireland's participation contributes to the achievement of each individual operational activity;
 - c) the costs related to Ireland's participation broken down by operational activity. These costs contain only such costs that are considered as eligible within the framework of the Frontex (co-)financing scheme.
3. Ireland covers its own costs for participation in operational activities coordinated by Frontex; this is regarded as their financial contribution to the activity it participates in, except for activities under Article 9 of the Frontex Regulation.
4. In addition to the annual request referred to in paragraph 1, Ireland may also submit additional requests for participation in Frontex activities during the course of the year, in justified cases.

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

² Decision of the Management Board No. 31/2007 of 22 November 2007 "on the practical arrangements for participation of the Republic of Ireland in Frontex' operational activities".

Article 2

Adoption by the Management Board

1. The MB votes on the annual request as whole. However, as each operational activity is individually identified, members of the MB may oppose to the participation in some or all of the activities in the annual request.
2. The MB adopts annual and additional requests for participation by absolute majority of its members with a right to vote.

Article 3

Reporting

The participation of Ireland in Frontex operational activities and its financial contribution are reported annually in the framework of the agency's general reporting.

Article 4

Voluntary contribution

Ireland is at any time invited to contribute to the budget of Frontex with a voluntary contribution.

Article 5

Repeal and entry into force

This decision repeals and replaces MB Decision 31/2007 on the practical arrangements for participation of Ireland in Frontex operational activities and enters into force on the day following its adoption.

Done by written procedure, 11 December 2015

For the Management Board

[signed]

Ralf Göbel
Chairperson

Annex: Annual Request Template

ANNEX

Detail of Ireland request to participate in Frontex activities in (year) with cost

Type of activity within FRONTEX Annual Work Programme	Specific operational activity coordinated by Frontex that Ireland intends to participate	Way in which Ireland intends to contribute to the achievement of the specific operational activity	Financial contribution related to the Ireland's participation (by specific operational activity)
Joint Operational Activities			
Risk Analysis			
Frontex Situation Center (FSC)			
Training			
Research and Development			
Pooled Resources			
Other activities			
Total Ireland contribution for Ireland request to participate in FRONTEX activities in (year)			