

MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION No 55/2015 of 11 December 2015

on the practical arrangements for the participation in and financial contribution to Frontex operational activities by the United Kingdom

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 21/2008 on the practical arrangements for participation of the United Kingdom (UK) 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. The UK 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, the UK indicates, using the template in the Annex:
 - a) which operational activities coordinated by Frontex it intends to participate in;
 - b) how the UK's participation contributes to the achievement of each individual operational activity;
 - c) the costs related to the UK'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. The UK 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, the UK 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. 21/2008 of 12 June 2008 "on the practical arrangements for participation of the UK 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 the UK in Frontex operational activities and its financial contribution are reported annually in the framework of the agency's general reporting.

Article 4

Voluntary contribution

The UK 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 21/2008 on the practical arrangements for participation of the UK in Frontex operational activities and enters into force on the day following its adoption.

Done in written procedure, 11 December 2015

For the Management Board

[signed]

Ralf Göbel
Chairperson

Annex: Annual Request Template

ANNEX

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