FRONTEX

MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION No 03/2016
of 24 February 2016

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

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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

Whereas,

(1) The procedure established in Management Board (MB) Decisions 21/2008\(^2\) and 31/2007\(^3\) on the practical arrangements for participation of, respectively, the United Kingdom (UK) and of Ireland in Frontex operational activities had been proven to be inefficient and burdensome, and was replaced by Management Board Decisions 54/2015 and 55/2015.

(2) The Management Board Decisions 54/2015 and 55/2015 did not include aspects related to return or participation in non-operational activities by the UK and Ireland.

(3) For practical purposes, it was considered that the procedure for the request of the UK and Ireland would be set-out in a single MB Decision, repealing all previous existing ones.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Procedure

1. The UK and Ireland each submit to the MB their respective annual requests, 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. The annual request should indicate, using the template in the Annex:
   a. In which Frontex activities, operational and non-operational (including meetings and training activities), participation is intended;
   b. how that participation contributes to the achievement of the activity, in particular concerning operational activities;
   c. the costs related to that participation broken down by activity. These costs contain only such costs that are considered as eligible within the framework of the Frontex (co-) financing scheme.

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\(^2\) 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”.

\(^3\) Decision of the Management Board No. 31/2007 of 22 November 2007 “on the practical arrangements for participation of Ireland in Frontex’ operational activities”
3. The UK and Ireland shall each cover their respective costs for participation in Frontex activities. This is considered as their financial contribution to the activity, except for return activities.

4. For return activities, the UK and Ireland’s financial contribution will be to offer seats on their national return activities to other Schengen Member States, in numbers equal to the seats they benefit(ted) from in flights organised by Schengen Member States and (co-)financed by Frontex.

5. In addition to the annual request referred to in paragraph 1, the UK and Ireland may also submit additional requests for participation in Frontex activities during the course of the year, in duly justified cases.

Article 3
Adoption by the Management Board
1. The MB votes on the annual request as whole. However, as each 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 and by written procedure.

Article 4
Reporting
1. The participation of the UK and of Ireland in Frontex activities and its financial contribution will be reported annually in the framework of the agency’s general reporting.

2. In the case of return activities, the reporting aims at monitoring the implementation of this mechanism and it should pay particular attention to possible discrepancies at the end of the year and corresponding adjustments in the subsequent year.

Article 5
Voluntary contribution

The UK and Ireland are at any time invited to contribute to the budget of Frontex with additional funds.

Article 6
Repeal and entry into force

1. This decision repeals and replaces MB Decisions 54/2015 and 55/2015.

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

Done by written procedure, 24 February 2016

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

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