

MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION No 23/2016**of 08 September 2016****on the United Kingdom's participation in Frontex
Joint Operation Flexible Operational Activities 2016 land on
border surveillance (JO FOA 2016 land)****THE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

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

Whereas:

- (1) According to Article 1(1) of Management Board Decision 3/2016 on the practical arrangements for participation in and financial contribution to Frontex activities by the United Kingdom and Ireland² *"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) According to Article 1(5) of Management Board Decision 3/2016, *"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"*.
- (3) The Management Board by its Decision 02/2016 of 09 February 2016 approved the UK's Annual Request to participate in and contribute financially to Frontex activities in 2016.
- (4) The UK's participation in JO Focal Point Land with 4 months of debriefers and 6.5 months of interpreters was approved by MB Decision 02/2016. However, because JO Focal Point 2016 Land was cancelled at the specific border area and this participation did not take place, the UK requested to re-commit those resources to JO FOA 2016 Land instead, for the period from 14.09.2016 to 07.12.2016, pursuant to Article 1(5) of Management Board Decision 3/2016.
- (5) The UK's participation in JO FOA 2016 land will contribute to the achievement of the operational objectives by deploying debriefing experts and interpreters to Bulgaria in the period from 14.09.2016 to 07.12.2016 to support the implementation of the Operational Plan. In one case, the UK has a pool of very experienced debriefing experts to support this operations and their experience in cross border crimes presents an added benefit. In the other case, the UK has a pool of interpreter from which they can contracts interpreters with the language skills required for this operation and for which feedback from previous deployments has been extremely positive.

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..

² Decision of the Management Board No. 03/2016 of 24 February 2016 on the practical arrangements for participation in and financial contribution to Frontex activities by the United Kingdom and Ireland.

- (6) According to Article 1(3) Management Board Decision 3/2016, by which “*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(...)*”, the financial contribution of the UK for their participation in JO EPN Poseidon 2016 is all costs related to the afore-mentioned deployment. These are estimated in EUR 49,039.00 for 4 months of debriefers and EUR 90,350.00 for 6.5 months of interpreters.
- (7) On 01 September 2016 Frontex invited the Management Board on behalf of the Management Board Chairperson to take a decision on the UK’s participation in Frontex JO FOA 2016 land.
- (8) Pursuant to Article 3(3) of Management Board Decision 3/2016, the Management Board adopts annual and additional requests for participation by absolute majority of its members with a rights to vote and by written procedure.
- (9) Pursuant to Article 8(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board, when taking a decision by written procedure the Management Board shall approve or object the proposal in its entirety. Therefore a proposal for a Management Board Decision by written procedure is not subject to amendments.
- (10) No objections to the participation of the UK in Frontex JO FOA 2016 land have been received by Frontex, which has been considered as tacit approval of the request.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The UK’s additional request to participate in Frontex JO FOA 2016 land 2016 has been approved on 08 September 2016.

Article 2

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

Done by written procedure, 08 September 2016

For the Management Board

[signed]

Marko Gašperlin
Chairperson