

MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 30/2016 of 18 October 2016

on the deployment of a Liaison Officer to West Africa (Niger)

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Having regard to the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation¹, in particular Article 55 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The operational cooperation with third countries in particular those which are countries of origin and/or transit of migratory flows is to be strengthened.
- (2) The risk analysis of the agency shows that the West Africa constitute regions of origin and transit of irregular migration.
- (3) Taking into account the strategic importance to enhance operational activities and information gathering in these areas.
- (4) The Management Board agreed, in its 58th meeting on 30/31 March 2016, to prioritise West Africa as a region for the deployment of a Liaison Officer.
- (5) At the 62nd Management Board meeting the European Commission expressed its opinion on the deployment of a Liaison Officer to West Africa.
- (6) The European Parliament shall be kept fully informed.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Subject

The deployment of a Liaison Officer to Niger is hereby approved.

Article 2

Tasks

1. The Liaison Officer is entrusted to develop and maintain operational cooperation and coordination between the agency and competent authorities.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2016/1624 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 on the European Border and Coast Guard and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EC) No 863/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 and Council Decision 2005/267/EC (OJ L 251, 16.09. 2016, p. 1).

2. The Liaison Officer must have a mandate to reach out firstly to the competent authorities of Niger and subsequently to those of neighbouring countries through the Common Security and Defence Policy mission, in accordance with the intended regional extension of the missions in the Sahel.
3. In addition, the Liaison Officer may contribute to support the process of raising awareness of the work of the agency in third countries where the Management Board mandated the start of negotiations for a Working Arrangement, namely Egypt, Libya and Tunisia.

Article 3

Posting and Deployment

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

Article 4

Entry into force

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

Done in Warsaw, 18 October 2016

For the Management Board

[signed]

Marko Gašperlin
Chairperson