

MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 31/2016

of 18 October 2016

Priority regions for the further deployment of Liaison Officers

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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

Whereas:

- (1) The Management Board shall on a proposal of the Executive Director adopt a list of priorities on a yearly basis for the deployment of Liaison Officers in third countries.
- (2) The operational cooperation with third countries in particular those which are countries of origin and/or transit of migratory flows is to be strengthened.
- (3) The risk analysis of the Agency shows that the Western Balkan region, North and West Africa region, Horn of Africa region and Silk Route region constitute regions of origin and transit of irregular migration.
- (4) The enhancement of operational activities and information gathering in these areas are considered as of strategic importance.
- (5) The Management Board already agreed, in its 58th meeting on 30/31 March 2016, to prioritise Western Balkans, North and West Africa as a region for the deployment of Liaison Officers.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Subject

1. The decision taken in the 58th meeting of the Management Board on 30/31 March 2016, to prioritise Western Balkans, North and West Africa as regions for the deployment of a Liaison Officer remains valid for 2017.
2. The Horn of Africa and the Silk Route region are also approved as priority regions for the further deployment of Liaison Officers.

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).

Article 2
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

