

## MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION No 45/2016

of 31 December 2016

### on the United Kingdom's participation in Frontex Joint Operation EPN Triton 2016 and Joint Operation EPN Poseidon 2016

#### THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Having regard to the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation<sup>1</sup>, in particular Article 62 (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 Ireland<sup>2</sup> *"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) JO EPN Triton 2016 was initially planned to be implemented for the period from 01 February 2016 to 31 December 2016, whereas JO EPN Poseidon 2016 was initially planned to be implemented for the period from 01 June 2016 to 31 December 2016. However both joint operations were extended up to the 31 January 2017 with the respective 1<sup>st</sup> amendment of the Operational Plan for JO EPN Triton dated 13.12.2016 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment of the Operational Plan for JO EPN Poseidon dated 16.11.2016.
- (5) The UK requested to participate in the extension period of JO EPN 2016 Triton 2016 by deploying 3 debriefing experts and 1 screening expert from 04.01.2017 to 31.01.2017 and in the extension of JO EPN Poseidon 2016 by deploying 3 debriefing experts and 1 screening expert from 04.01.2017 to 31.01.2017
- (6) The UK's participation in the aforementioned joint operations will contribute to the achievement of the operational objectives by deploying debriefing and screening expert to Italy and to Greece in the period from 04.1.2017 to 31.01.2017 to support the implementation of the Operational Plans. The UK

<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/1624 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 on the European Border and Coast Guard OJ L 251, 16.09.2016, p.1..

<sup>2</sup> 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.

has a pool of very experienced debriefing and screening experts to support this operations and their experience in cross border crimes presents an added benefit.

- (7) 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 additional financial contribution of the UK for this additional participation in the aforementioned operations is all costs related to the afore-mentioned deployment. These are estimated in EUR 72,000.00 for 8, 1- month long deployments of 6 debriefing and 2 screening experts.
- (8) On 23 December 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 EPN Triton 2016 and JO EPN Poseidon 2016.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.
- (11) No objections to the participation of the UK in the period of extension of Frontex JO EPN Triton 2016 and JO EPN Poseidon 2016 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 the extension period of Frontex JO EPN Triton 2016 and JO EPN Poseidon 2016 has been approved on 31 December 2016

### Article 2

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

Done by written procedure, 31 December 2016

For the Management Board

[signed]

Marko Gašperlin  
Chairperson