MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 01/2017
of 31 January 2017

on the United Kingdom’s participation in Frontex
Joint Operations:
JO Flexible Operational Activities 2017 Land on border
surveillance (JO FOA 2017 Land), JO Poseidon 2017,
JO Triton 2017

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Having regard to the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation\(^1\), in particular Article 62(5) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) According to Article 1(1) of Management Board Decision 3/2016\(^2\) “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) Since the UK has not yet submitted an Annual Request to participate in and contribute financially to
Frontex activities in 2017, the UK submitted an additional request for their participation in JO FOA
2017, JO Triton 2017 and in JO Poseidon 2017, pursuant to Article 1(5) of Management Board Decision

(3) JO FOA 2017 Land will be implemented for the period from 1 February 2017 to 31 January 2018,
JO Triton 2017 will be implemented for the period from 1 February 2017 to 31 December 2017,
JO Poseidon 2017 will be implemented for the period from 1 February 2017 to 31 December 2017.

(4) The UK requested to participate:

In JO FOA 2017 Land with a debriefing expert in Greece for the period from 01.02.2017 till 01.03.2017
and two screening experts in Bulgaria from 01.03.2017 till 29.03.2017 and from 29.03.2017 till

In JO Triton 2017 with 3 debriefing experts and 1 screening expert in Italy in the period from 01.02.2017
till 30.03.2017.

In JO Poseidon 2017 with 3 debriefing experts, 1 screening expert and 1 interpreter in Greece in the
period from 01.02.2017 till 30.03.2017.

and Coast Guard and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing

\(^2\) Management Board Decision 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.
(5) The UK’s requested participation will contribute to the achievement of the operational objectives and to support the implementation of the Operational Plans.

The UK has a pool of very experienced debriefing and screening experts as well as interpreters to support these operations and their experience in cross-border crime presents an added benefit.

(6) According to Article 1(3) of 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 this participation in JO FOA 2017 Land, in JO Triton 2017 and in JO Poseidon 2017 covers all costs related to the aforementioned deployments.

These costs are estimated to EUR 13,000.00 for deployments in JO FOA Land 2017, EUR 72,000.00 for deployments in JO Triton 2017 and EUR 83,000.00 for deployments in JO Poseidon 2017.

(7) On 24 January 2017 Frontex invited the Management Board on behalf of the Management Board Chairperson to take a decision on the UK’s participation in the aforementioned Frontex joint operations.

(8) Pursuant to Article 3(2) of Management Board Decision 3/2016, the Management Board adopts annual and additional requests for participation by absolute majority of its members with a right 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 2017 Land, JO Triton 2017 and JO Poseidon 2017 have been received by Frontex, the request therefore being considered as tacitly approved.

(11) The Schengen Associated Countries were not granted voting rights on this decision.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The UK’s additional request to participate in Frontex JO FOA 2017 Land, JO Triton 2017 and JO Poseidon 2017 has been approved on 31 January 2017.

Article 2

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

Done by written procedure, 31 January 2017

For the Management Board

[signed]

Marko Gašperlin
Chairperson

1 Management Board Decision No 10/2013 of 27 March 2013 adopting the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board