MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 27/2019
of 16 November year

on the United Kingdom’s request to participate in and contribute financially to Frontex activities in 2019
(in the period 18 November 2019 - 3 January 2020)

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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

Whereas:

(1) The United Kingdom’s participation in Frontex activities in 2019 will contribute to the achievement of operational objectives and entails contributing experts to operations, workshops, trainings and meetings.

(2) According to Article 1(1) of Management Board Decision 03/2016\(^2\) “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”.

(3) On 21 December 2018, the United Kingdom submitted its annual request to participate in and contribute financially to Frontex activities in 2019 (in the period 1 January 2019 - 28 March 2019), in accordance with the timeline initially foreseen for the exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union\(^3\). As a consequence, the Management Board adopted Decision 41/2018 of 30 December 2018\(^4\).

(4) On 16 May 2019, the United Kingdom submitted its annual request to participate in and contribute financially to Frontex activities in 2019 (in the period 1 May 2019 - 31 October 2019) in accordance with the fact that on 11 April 2019 the European Council decided, in agreement with the United Kingdom,


\(^{2}\) 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.

\(^{3}\) In accordance with Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union (OJ C 326, 26.10.2012, p. 13).

to further extend the period under Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union until 31 October 2019\(^5\). As a consequence, the Management Board adopted Decision 9/2019 of 29 May 2019\(^6\).

(5) On 5 November 2019, the United Kingdom submitted its annual request to participate in and contribute financially to Frontex activities in 2019 (in the period of 18 November 2019 - 3 January 2020).

(6) On 29 October 2019 the European Council decided, in agreement with the United Kingdom, to further extend the period under Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union until 31 January 2020. In the event that the parties to that agreement complete their respective ratification procedures and notify the depositary of the completion of those procedures in November 2019, in December 2019 or in January 2020, the Withdrawal Agreement will enter into force respectively on: 1 December 2019; 1 January 2020; or 1 February 2020.

(7) In view of the fact that the United Kingdom’s request comes to end on 3 January 2020, this Decision should cease to apply on 4 January 2020 or on the date of entry into force of the Withdrawal Agreement, whichever is the earliest.

(8) According to Article 1(3) of Management Board Decision 03/2016 which provides that “[t]he 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 United Kingdom for its participation in Frontex activities in 2019 (in the period 18 November 2019 - 3 January 2020), as specified in the Annex, is estimated at EUR 82 782.

(9) According to Article 3(1) of Management Board Decision 03/2016, “[t]he MB votes on the annual request as whole. However, as each activity is individually identified, members of the MB may oppose to the participation in some or all of the activities in the annual request”.

(10) According to Article 3(2) of Management Board Decision 03/2016, “[t]he MB adopts annual and additional requests for participation by absolute majority of its members with a right to vote and by written procedure”.

(11) According to Article 9(1) of the Rules of Procedures of the Management Board\(^7\), decisions of the Management Board may be taken by written procedure on a proposal from the Chairperson, in particular where the Management Board has previously decided to take such decision by written procedure.

(12) On 15 November 2019, the Management Board was invited by the Chairperson to take a decision on the United Kingdom’s participation in Frontex activities in 2019 (in the period 18 November 2019 - 3 January 2020).

(13) No objections to the participation of the United Kingdom in Frontex activities in 2019 (in the period 18 November 2019 - 3 January 2020) have been received by Frontex, which has been considered as tacit approval of the request and the fulfilment of the absolute majority voting required as provided in Article 62(5) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Approval

The United Kingdom’s request to participate in, and contribute financially to, Frontex activities in 2019 (in the period 18 November 2019 - 3 January 2020) has been approved on [date].

Article 2
Entry into force and period of application

1. This Decision enters into force on the day following its adoption.
2. This Decision ceases to apply on 4 January 2020 or on the date of entry into force of the Withdrawal Agreement, whichever is the earliest.

Done by written procedure, 16 November 2019

For the Management Board

[signed]
Marko Gašperlin
Chairperson

Annex: The United Kingdom’s request to participate in Frontex activities in 2019 (in the period 18 November 2019 - 3 January 2020).
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<th>Type of activity within Frontex Annual Work Programme</th>
<th>Specific operational activity coordinated by Frontex that UK intends to participate in</th>
<th>How UK intends to contribute to the achievement of the specific operational activity</th>
<th>Estimated Cost in EUR</th>
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| Multipurpose Maritime Activities                      | Sea Borders - JO Poseidon  
2 Screening Experts  
18/11/19 – 03/01/20  
04/12/19 - 03/01/20  
2 Debriefing Experts  
04/12/19 - 03/01/20  
Sea Borders - JO Themis  
2 Screening Experts  
25/11/19 – 03/01/20  
04/12/19 - 03/01/20  
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18/11/19 – 03/01/20  
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€13,616  
€19,158  
€33,288 |
| Total estimated cost in EUR                             |                                                                                     |                                                                                | €82,782                |

*To note: The UK does not contribute towards the administrative costs of Frontex but provides experts and technical equipment on a case by case basis to support activities on a cost free basis.*