MINUTES
OF THE 76th MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD
10-11 SEPTEMBER 2019 IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

List of attendance
Mr Marko GAŠPERLIN - Chairman of the Management Board
Mr Günter SCHNITTLER (Austria - AT)
Mr Wald THIELEMANS (Belgium - BE)
Mr Stoyan IVANOV (Bulgaria - BG)
Mr Gilio TOIĆ SINTIĆ (Croatia - HR)
Mr Savvakis LOUNTZIDIS (Cyprus - CY)
Mr Martin VONDRASEK (Czech Republic - CZ)
Ms Helga LUND LAURSEN (Denmark - DK)
Mr Egert Belišev (Estonia - EE)
Mr Pasi KOSTAMOVAARA (Finland - FI)
Mr Patrice BONHAUME (France - FR)
Mr Peter BEIDERWIEDEN (Germany - DE)
Mr Dimitrios MALLIOS (Greece - EL)
Mr Zsolt HALMOSI (Hungary - HU)
Mr Ólafur Helgi KJARTANSSON (Iceland - IS)
Mr Massimo BONTEMPI (Italy - IT)
Mr Guntis PUJĀTS (Latvia - LV)
Mr Uwe LANGENBAHN (Liechtenstein - LI)
Mr Renatas POŻELA (Lithuania - LT)
Ms Daniela GREGR (Luxembourg - LU)
Mr Neville XUEREB (Malta - MT)
Mr Laurent HENDRICKX (The Netherlands - NL)
Ms Ellen AHNFELT (Norway - NO)
Mr Grzegorz NIEMIEC (Poland - PL)
Mr Carlos MOREIRA (Portugal - PT)
Mr Liviu BUTE (Romania - RO)
Ms Martina MATUSKOVICOVA (Slovakia - SK)
Ms Melita MOČNIK (Slovenia - SI)
Mr Juan Enrique TABORDA ALVAREZ (Spain - ES)
Mr Patrik ENGSTRÖM (Sweden - SE)
Ms Julia TERVEER (Switzerland - CH)
Mr Michael SHOTTER (European Commission - COM)
Ms Paraskevi MICHOU (European Commission - COM)

Mr Timothy COOPER (EASO)
Mr Oldřich MARTINU (EUROPOL)
Mr Krzysztof CZEKALOWSKI (EU-Lisa)

Frontex Executive Director (ED), Mr Fabrice LEGGERI participated in the meeting. He was assisted in the presentations by the Director of the Operational Response Division and the Director of the Capacity Building Division.

The Secretariat of the Management Board was provided by Frontex.
List of items debated and/or approved (agenda)

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the 75th Management Board meeting
3. Recent internal developments and procedural issues
   3.1 General
   3.2 Recruitment and staffing situation
4. Presentation of operational situation
   4.1 Monitoring of the situation and related operational response at the external borders
   4.2 Activities in the field of return
   4.3 Joint operations - evaluation
5. Implementation of EBCG 2.0
6. Draft Programming Document 2021-2023 state of play
7. Decision of the Management Board adopting the dates planned for the Management Board meetings in 2020
8. Decision of the Management Board designating reporting officers for the Executive Management's annual appraisals 2020 and 2021
9. International and European cooperation
   9.1 Decision of the Management Board adopting the priority regions in 2020 for the deployment of liaison officers to Third Countries
   9.2 Deployment of Liaison Officers - state of play
10. Report on the evaluation of return operations conducted in the first half of 2019 together with the observations of the FRO
11. New composition of Frontex Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights - next steps
12. Audits - follow up
13. Vulnerability assessment implementation - update
14. Annual Bilateral Negotiations
   14.1 Report on the 1st half of 2019
   14.2 Gaps in human resources and technical equipment
15. Reporting on the exercise of the appointing authority powers
16. Implementation of the Annual Work Programme - Budget implementation

ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Main results of the meeting

The 76th Management Board meeting was held on 10-11 September 2019 in Reykjavík, Iceland.

Mr Haukur GUDMUNDSSON, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Justice, joined for the opening and welcomed Frontex Management Board in Reykjavík. Mr GUDMUNDSSON highlighted importance of cooperation with Frontex in such fields as expulsion and refusal of entry, coast guard activities, information collection and participation in joint operations.

The Chair briefed about activities which took place since the last Management Board meeting, informing about the new composition of the Working Group on Budget and Account and nominations to the Advisory Group for the new premises. The Chair provided update on the situation at the Fundamental Rights Office notifying that Ms Inmaculada ARNAEZ returned to the office after a long sick leave, currently working part time. It was decided that Ms Annegret KOHLER would remain the Fundamental Rights Officer a.i. until Ms ARNAEZ is fully fit to return to full time work. The mandate of the Fundamental Rights Officer a.i. would then expire automatically. The Chair mentioned briefly ongoing activities related to the implementation of the new Regulation.

Ms Paraskevi MICHOU, Director-General, briefed about recent developments in Brussels informing that the President Elect, Ms Ursula VON DER LEYEN, presented the team for the next College starting its term on 1 November, as well as informed about reorganizational changes made within the DG HOME, informing that activities related to border management and migration had been regrouped in two different directorates.

The Executive Director briefed the Management Board about the recent internal developments informing about a case of a Public Access to Document, which was brought to the court of Justice of the European Union, the third European Joint Master’s in Strategic Border Management, and a joint initiative between Frontex and Europol to establish an informal Working Group on the border management and travel intelligence, as well as provided follow up to the Management Board meeting with Partners from the Western Balkans, which took place in the margins of the June’s Management Board meeting.

The Management Board was briefed on the operational situation at the external borders of the European Union, in particular, on the monitoring of the situation and related operational response at the external borders. Evaluation of joint operations in 2018 was provided.

Representatives of the European Asylum Support Office and Europol provided short updates about the situation with respect to their remit.

The Management Board was informed on the status of preparation of the revised draft Programing Document 2020-2022 and on the specific dynamic for the preparation of the Programming Document 2021-2023. The review and discussion on the first version of the Programming Document 2021–2023 (and all its elements such as the multiannual plan, the annual work programme 2021, the provisional draft estimate of the Agency’s revenue and expenditure, including the provisional establishment plan) will take place during 78th Management Board meeting scheduled for November 2019.

The Management Board adopted the following dates of its meetings in 2020:

- 05 - 06 February 2020, Frontex Headquarters, Warsaw
- 03 - 04 March 2020, Extraordinary meeting, Frontex Headquarters, Warsaw
- 25 - 26 March 2020, Šibenik, Croatia
- 17 - 18 June 2020, Frontex Headquarters, Warsaw
- 23 - 24 September 2020, Travemünde, Germany
- 25 - 26 November 2020, Frontex Headquarters, Warsaw

The Management Board decided on the reporting officers for the Executive Management’s annual appraisals in 2020 and 2021.
The Management Board endorsed the decision adopting priority regions in 2020 for the deployment of Liaison Officers to third countries, and took note of the state of play of Frontex Liaison Officers deployment to Member States, Schengen Associated Countries and third countries.

The Management Board was informed on the next steps regarding the new composition of Frontex Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights for a period of three years (from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2022), and took note of the report on the evaluation of return operations conducted in the first half of 2019, as well as of the observations of the Fundamental Rights Officer.

The Management Board was informed about the follow up of audit recommendations for the period 2016-2018, as well as vulnerability assessment implementation.

The Director of the Capacity Building Division presented the outcome of the first half of the 2019 Annual Bilateral Negotiations operational cycle focusing on human resources, technical equipment and Frontex contribution to closing the gaps, as well as briefed about the Action Plan timeframe for the Annual Bilateral Negotiations 2020 providing overview of gaps in human resources and technical equipment, and the state of play of the annual Seconded Team Members call for 2020.

The report on implementation of the Annual Work Programme (budget implementation) covering the period from January to August 2019 was uploaded on FOSS on 2 September, and the report on the exercise of the appointing authority powers was uploaded on 5 September.

The Management Board was informed about the 24th edition of the International Border Police Conference, which will be held in Warsaw on 29-30 October. The overarching theme of the event is ‘Cross-border security through preparedness, prevention and response’.

The Management Board was informed that a written procedure will be launched to adopt the amendment N3 to the Single Programing Document 2019-2021 (amended procurement plan).

The Management Board was briefed on the status of work and planned activities of the High Level Integrated Border Management Working Group. The subsequent meeting of the Working Group will take place in Warsaw in October, with the main task to report on the status of Member States’ national Integrated Border Management strategies within the scope of the respective competences of the different actors (Member States, Commission and Frontex), and to move forward with translating the proposed activities into concrete actions.