MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 20/2018
of 18 September 2018
adopting the organisational structure of the International and European Cooperation Division

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Having regard to the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation¹, and in particular Article 62(2)(o) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Frontex seeks to strengthen its engagement in the external dimension, in line with the European Council Conclusions of 28 June 2018 that reconfirmed the increased external action as one of the preconditions for a comprehensive approach to migration. In that regard, the European Council underlined that the supportive role of Frontex, including in the cooperation with third countries, should be further strengthened through increased resources and an enhanced mandate.

(2) EU institutions and agencies as well as international organisations are essential partners across all areas of Frontex’s work. In order to fully implement Frontex’s enhanced mandate and ensure that it capitalises on synergies with other EU and international actors, a dedicated entity within Frontex should be tasked to initiate, oversee and facilitate cooperation with these partners in a coherent manner.

(3) Frontex is developing networks of Liaison Officers in EU Member States and third countries, with the objective to deploy over 20 Liaison Officers by 2020. 11 Liaison Officers will be deployed to EU Member States by the last quarter of 2018/beginning of 2019. Effective functioning of these Liaison Officers will rely on the support and guidance provided by the Frontex Headquarters, particularly through a dedicated back-office.

(4) As set out in Article 68(3) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation, the Executive Director is responsible, inter alia, for the preparation and implementation of the strategic decisions taken by the Management Board.

(5) Management Board Decision 18/2017² as amended by Management Board Decision 4/2018³ envisaged the development of an International and European Cooperation Division out of the existing International and European Cooperation Unit before 2019, and tasked the Executive Director to report to the Management Board about the measures implemented in this regard.

(6) The International and European Cooperation Division is established, and its organisational structure should be implemented gradually, taking into account overall operational priorities of Frontex.

² Management Board Decision 18/2017 of 14 June 2017 on the new organisational structure of the Agency.
HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Scope

The organisational structure of the International and European Cooperation Division as set out in Article 2 is hereby adopted.

Article 2
International and European Cooperation Division

The International and European Cooperation Division consists of three units:

a) International Cooperation Unit;

b) Institutional Partnership Unit;

c) Liaison Officers Networks Unit.

Article 3
Entry into force

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

Done in Warsaw on 18 September 2018

For the Management Board

[signed]
Marko Gašperlin
Chairperson