List of attendance

Mr Marko GAŠPERLIN - Chairman of the Management Board
Mr Robert STRONDL (Austria - AT)
Mr Wald THIELEMANS (Belgium - BE)
Mr Svetlan KICHIKOV (Bulgaria - BG)
Mr Gilio TOIĆ SINTIĆ (Croatia - HR)
Mr Petros ZENIOU (Cyprus - CY)
Mr Martin VONDRAŠEK (Czech Republic - CZ)
Ms Signe Højland JENSEN (Denmark - DK)
Ms Helen NEIDER-VEERME (Estonia - EE)
Mr Ilkka LAITINEN (Finland - FI)
Mr Bernard SIFFERT (France - FR)
Mr Lars GERDES (Germany - DE)
Mr Dimitrios MALLIOS (Greece - EL)
Mr Zsolt HALMOSI (Hungary - HU)
Mr Ólafur Helgi KJARTANSSON (Iceland - IS)
Mr Michael GRIFFIN (Ireland - IE)
Mr Ennio SCHETTINI (Italy - IT)
Mr Vladimirs ZAGUZOVS (Latvia - LV)
Mr Stefan GSTÖHL (Liechtenstein - LI)
Mr Vygintas KAZIUKONIS (Lithuania - LT)
Mr Thierry FEHR (Luxembourg - LU)
Mr Neville XUEREB (Malta - MT)
Mr Harrie VAN DEN BRINK (The Netherlands - NL)
Ms Ellen AHNFELT (Norway - NO)
Mr Marek LAPIŃSKI (Poland - PL)
Ms Luisa MAIA GONÇALVES (Portugal - PT)
Mr Liviu-Marius GALOS (Romania - RO)
Ms Martina MATUŠKOVÍČOVÁ (Slovak Republic - SK)
Mr Joaquín CASTRO LEÓN (Spain - ES)
Mr Patrik ENGSTRÖM (Sweden - SE)
Ms Julia TERVEER (Switzerland - CH)
Mr Matt BECKINGHAM (United Kingdom - UK)

Mr Laurent MUSCHEL (European Commission - COM)
Mr Oldřich MARTINŮ (Deputy Director, Governance, Europol)
Mr Timothy COOPER (Liaison Officer to Frontex, EASO)

Frontex Executive Director (ED), Mr Fabrice LEGGERI participated in the meeting.

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 63rd Management Board meeting
3. Recent internal developments and procedural issues
4. Presentation of operational situation
   4.1 Situation at the EU external borders
   4.2 Operational response including expected developments and resources needs
   4.3 Return related activities
5. Fundamental Rights issues
   5.1 Presentation of the Consultative Forum draft annual report 2016
   5.2 Report from the Fundamental Rights Officer
6. International and European Cooperation
   6.1 Decision of the Management Board on the mandate to the Executive Director to negotiate a new Working Arrangement with Interpol
   6.2 Decision of the Management Board on the mandate to the Executive Director to negotiate cooperation modalities with the Libyan authorities
7. Report on the evaluation of the return operations conducted in the second half of 2016 including the observations of the FRO
8. Presentation of the draft Frontex annual report to the European Parliament on the commitments of the Member States to the European Border and Coast Guard Teams and Technical Equipment Pool 2017
   9.1 Decision of the Management Board adopting the preliminary Programme of Work 2018
   9.2 Decision of the Management Board adopting the draft estimates of the Agency’s revenue and expenditure for 2018 (including draft establishment plan)
10. Decision of the Management Board adopting rules of procedure of the Management Board
11. Decision of the Management Board on the future deployment of Frontex Liaison Officers in Member States
12. Presentation and discussion on the changes of the Agency’s organizational structure
13. Presentation of a draft updated Frontex Code of Conduct
14. Presentation of the draft amended rules of secondment of national experts (SNEs) to Frontex
15. Vulnerability assessment implementation - update
16. Liaison Officers
   16.1 Presentation of the experiences of the first year of the Liaison Officer in Ankara
   16.2 Cooperation between Frontex Liaison Officers and Liaison Officers of the Member States
17. Reporting on the exercise of the appointing authority powers
18. Information on the executive management annual appraisals 2016
19. Implementation of the Programme of Work 2017 - Budget implementation
Main results of the meeting

The 64th Management Board meeting was held on 29-30 March 2017 in Warsaw, Poland.

The Executive Director provided an update on the most important internal developments within the Agency including recent recruitments of the Data Protection Officer and the Head of Pooled Resources Unit. The Management Board was informed about the visit of Commissioner Avramopoulos to Frontex, which took place on 21 March 2017, as well as about the visit of Europol Director, which took place on 20 February 2017.

The Executive Director announced that the European Day for Border and Coast Guard will take place on 12 June 2017 in Hotel Narvil Conference in Serock, Poland.

The Management Board was briefed on the operational situation at the external borders, the operational responses including expected developments and the resources needs as well as return related activities. EASO provided the information on the asylum situation in the European Union and briefed the Management Board Members on the operational activities of EASO in Greece and Italy.

The Chair of the Consultative Forum presented the 4th Annual Report 2016 covering activities of the Consultative Forum in 2016. The Fundamental Rights Officer presented the 18th Fundamental Rights Officer report to the Management Board covering the period from 1 November 2016 to 28 February 2017.

The Management Board was informed about the intention of the Executive Director to negotiate a new Working Arrangement with Interpol and to negotiate cooperation modalities with the Libyan authorities.

The Management Board endorsed the report on the evaluation of the return operations conducted in the second half of 2016 including the observations of the Fundamental Right Officer.

The Management Board took note of the draft Frontex annual report to the European Parliament on the commitments of the Member States to the European Border and Coast Guard Teams and Technical Equipment Pool 2017. The Management Board was invited to check the data in the report and send comments until 14 April. Frontex will complete the report with additional information, implement necessary revisions and will then forward the document to the European Parliament.

The Management Board adopted the draft Programming Document 2018-2020 - the preliminary Programme of Work 2018 and the draft estimate of the Agency’s revenue and expenditure for 2018 (including the establishment plan) - and approved, with a statement added to the meeting’s minutes, the decision adopting rules of procedure of the Management Board.

The Management Board discussed the proposal on the future deployment of Frontex Liaison Officers in Member States including the clustering and possible seats of the Liaison Officer. It was decided that the further consultations would be made and a revised version would be circulated.

The Management Board discussed the changes of the Agency’s organizational structure having a decisive impact on the functioning of the Agency and the use of the resources. Following initial reflections and questions by the Commission and the Member States, the Management Board was invited to send further questions or comments in writing until 14 April, which will enable the Executive Director to provide additional and more detailed information and come up with a revised and fine-tuned proposal.

The Management Board took note of a revised draft of the Frontex Code of Conduct as well as on the progress of the Vulnerability Assessment implementation, and adopted the draft amended rules of secondment of national experts to Frontex.

The Frontex Liaison Officer to Turkey provided an overview of the conducted activities and experiences covering the first year after taking up office. The Deputy Executive Director briefed the Management Board about the cooperation between Frontex Liaison Officers and the Liaison Officers of the Member States, and informed about the ongoing recruitment of the Liaison Officer to the Western Balkans.
The Chair provided a brief report on the exercise of the appointing authority powers (based on the Decision on the exercise of the Appointing Authority Powers by the Management Board) covering the period from 29 December 2016 till 1 March 2017.

The Management Board took note of the implementation of the Programme of Work 2017 - Budget implementation.

The Management Board was informed about the European Joint Masters programme in Strategic Border Management and the graduation ceremony to be held on 7 June 2017 in Salamanca, Spain to which all of the Management Board Members will be invited.

The Deputy Director of Europol presented the results of the work of the European Migrant Smuggling Centre and its achievements achieved in the first year after launching.

Under AOB, Poland raised a point on the issue of nomination of officers to the Rapid Reaction Pool. The Commission intervened and called on the Agency to prepare a clear concept note on how to trigger the pool and the possible combination between the regular EBCG pool and the Rapid Reaction Pool.

Frontex announced that it would launch a written procedure regarding the decision authorising the Executive Director to request for derogations of certain European Commission implementing rules to the Staff Regulations.