

MINUTES
OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
27 July 2022, via videoconferencing

List of attendance

Mr Alexander FRITSCH - Chairman of the Management Board (Germany - DE)
Mr Günter SCHNITTLER (Austria - AT)
Mr Wald THIELEMANS (Belgium - BE)
Mr Svetoslav MANOLOV (Bulgaria - BG)
Mr Gilio TOIĆ SINTIĆ (Croatia - HR)
Mr Thomas CHATZIKYRIAKOU (Cyprus - CY)
Mr Tomáš LERCH (Czech Republic - CZ)
Ms Isabel Schmitt Falckenberg (Germany - DE)
Ms Signe HØJLAND JENSEN (Denmark - DK)
Ms Helen NEIDER-VEERME (Estonia - EE)
Ms Simon FETET (France - FR)
Mr Dimitrios MALLIOS (Greece - EL)
Mr János Zoltán KUCZIK (Hungary - HU)
Mr Ólafur Helgi KJARTANSSON (Iceland - IS)
Mr Michael BUCKLEY (Ireland - IE)
Mr Ennio SCHETTINI (Italy - IT)
Mr Andrejs ROGOZINS (Latvia - LV)
Mr Uwe LANGENBAHN (Liechtenstein - LI)
Mr Vaidas ČYPAS (Lithuania - LT)
Mr Uwe LANGEBAHN (Liechtenstein - LI)
Mr Christian STEICHEN (Luxembourg - LU)
Mr Neville XUEREB (Malta - MT)
Mr Hans LEIJTENS (The Netherlands - NL)
Mr Jan Erik NYBAKK (Norway - NO)
Mr Grzegorz NIEMIEC (Poland - PL)
Mr Fernando PINHEIRO DA SILVA (Portugal - PT)
Mr Marius VIZITIU (Romania - RO)
Ms Jana JURIČKOVÁ (Slovakia - SK)
Mr Juan Enrique TABORDA ALVAREZ (Spain - ES)
Ms Anna GARPHULT (Sweden - SE)
Mr Marco BENZ (Switzerland - CH)
Mr Olivier ONIDI (European Commission - COM)

Mr Naum TSEKOV (European Parliament - EP)

Frontex Executive Director *ad interim* (ED *a.i.*), Ms Aija KALNAJA represented the Agency in the meeting, together with Frontex Deputy Executive Director for Information Management and Processes (DED-IM), Mr Uku SÄREKANNO, and Frontex Deputy Executive Director for Returns and Operations (DED-RO), Mr Lars GERDES.

Minutes were taken by the Secretariat of the Management Board.

List of items debated and/or approved (agenda)

1. Agency's internal and external communication strategy
2. Discussion on the administrative structure of the Agency
3. Discussion on delegations of powers by ED *ad interim*
 - 3.1 Budget matters
 - 3.2 Human resources matters
 - 3.3 Other administrative and operational matters
 - 3.4 Security matters
4. Operational situation - reflection on the current legal and operational developments
5. European Parliament's decision on the discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Agency for the financial year 2020

Main results of the meeting

The Extraordinary Management Board meeting was held on 27 July 2022 online.

The Chairperson of the Management Board opened the meeting, welcomed the participants and reminded that the aim of the meeting was to support the recently appointed Executive Director *ad interim* (ED *a.i.*), Ms Aija Kalnaja, during the interim period until the appointment of the new Executive Director. Further, the Chair informed that a representative of the European Parliament's LIBE Committee would be present.

The MB took note of the nomination of the new MB Member from Czech Republic, Mr Tomáš Lerch, First Deputy Police President of the Police of the Czech Republic; and of the nominations of the new MB Member and Alternate Member from Portugal, respectively Mr Fernando Pinheiro Silva, Director General of the Immigration and Border Control Authority, and Mr Luís Gouveia, Senior Coordinator Inspector of the Immigration and Border Control Authority.

The MB took note of the state of play of the Agency's internal and external communication strategy. The MB called on the Agency to implement the strategy as soon as possible.

Following the presentation of the proposal to amend the current administrative structure of the Agency, the MB agreed to adopt the relevant MB Decision in written procedure. The MB invited the Agency to submit proposals for any further amendments to the administrative structure at the 91st MB meeting in September 2022.

The MB discussed the future framework of delegations of powers by the ED *a.i.*, particularly as concerns the decentralization of decision-making powers regarding i) budget matters; ii) human resources matters, iii) other administrative and operational matters; iv) security matters.

The MB was informed about the current operational challenges and developments, in particular at the EU Eastern border, and asked the Agency to step up its efforts on the Western Balkan route.

The Agency presented the state of play on the European Parliament's decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Agency for the financial year 2020 and was encouraged by the MB to continue being transparent and proactive.

The MB was presented with the roadmap for the implementation of the new Frontex premises and took note of its state of play. The Chair encouraged MB Members to express their interest to be nominated as MB representatives to the Project Steering Committee for the Permanent Premises of the Agency's HQ.

The MB was informed about the EDPS opinion on MB Decisions 68/2021 adopting the rules on processing personal data by the Agency and 69/2021 adopting the rules on processing operational personal data by the Agency. The MB urged the Agency to present the amended draft decisions to the MB as soon as possible.

Under AOB, COM informed the MB about the decision of the Council of the EU to cut the Agency's budget for 2023.

Furthermore, COM provided an update on the state of play on the recruitment of the new ED.

It has been also agreed that the revision of the unit costs for category 3 standing corps staff will be discussed first by the WG B&A, and afterwards by the MB.

Finally, ED *a.i.* introduced to the MB the new Head of the Internal Audit Capability.