

## Close cooperation between eu-LISA and FRONTEX

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On 16-17 March the Executive Director of eu-LISA Krum GARKOV hosted the visit of the Frontex Executive Director, Fabrice LEGGERI, to eu-LISA headquarters in Tallinn. The visit of Mr Leggeri, who took office as the new Executive Director in January, was held in the framework of the eu-LISA Management Board meeting in Tallinn on 17-18 March.

*"The meeting took place at a particularly important time for the two Agencies," noted Krum Garkov. "Major political and security issues are high on the European agenda and operational agencies, such as Frontex and eu-LISA, are facing demanding expectations from the national authorities of the Member States and EU citizens alike. Responding to these expectations is a matter of priority and both Agencies are making significant efforts to facilitate the implementation of all the relevant measure," emphasised **Mr Garkov**.*

*"Supporting EU policy makers in the development of new projects is also one of Frontex missions. I am glad to join efforts with eu-LISA to optimise our services delivered to the Commission, the border guards community and to the European citizens," said **Fabrice Leggeri**.*

During the visit, the Executive Directors concluded a bilateral Annual Cooperation Plan for 2015 covering cooperation areas related to the Smart Border pilot led by eu-LISA in 2015, joint coordination of expert working groups in the field of border control, training and IT security. In addition, monitoring and exploitation of new technologies and research were discussed. Frontex and eu-LISA also elaborated on joint steps to implement the recent actions in combating foreign fighters agreed by Member States at the European Council on 12 February.

### **Background:**

eu-LISA and Frontex signed the Working Arrangement on 31 January 2014. The Working Arrangement established the cooperation framework between the two Agencies based on common interests and objectives. According to the working arrangement eu-LISA and Frontex were to exchange expertise and best practices primarily in the areas of ICT related projects and services, research and development activities, training, programming and administrative matters.

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