

**MINUTES  
OF THE 55<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
9-10 September 2015 IN WARSAW, POLAND**

**List of participants**

Mr Ralf GÖBEL - Chairman of the Management Board  
Mr Günter SCHNITTLER (Austria - AT)  
Mr Herbert VEYT (Belgium - BE)  
Mr Antonio ANGELOV (Bulgaria - BG)  
Mr Gilio TOIĆ SINTIĆ (Croatia - HR)  
Mr Petros ZENIOU (Cyprus - CY)  
Mr Martin VONDRASEK (Czech Republic - CZ)  
Mr Signe HØJLAND JENSEN (Denmark - DK)  
Mr Joosep KAASIK (Estonia - EE)  
Mr Ilkka LAITINEN (Finland - FI)  
Mr Bernard SIFFERT (France - FR)  
Mr Lars GERDES (Germany - DE)  
Mr Aleksandros SOUKOULIS (Greece - EL)  
Mr Zsolt HALMOSI (Hungary - HU)  
Mr Ólafur Helgi KJARTANSSON (Iceland - IS)  
Mr David DOWLING (Ireland - IE)  
Mr Giovanni PINTO (Italy - IT)  
Mr Vladimirs ZAGUZOVS (Latvia - LV)  
Mr Vygintas KAZIUKONIS (Lithuania - LT)  
Mr Jean-Louis BORDET (Luxembourg - LU)  
Mr Neville XUEREBA (Malta - MT)  
Mr Ronald HARMSMA (The Netherlands - NL)  
Mr Jan EIRIK (Norway - NO)  
Ms Dominik TRACZ (Poland - PL)  
Mr António BEÇA PEREIRA (Portugal - PT)  
Mr Liviu GALOS (Romania - RO)  
Mr Ľudovít BÍRÓ (Slovak Republic - SK)  
Mr Marko GAŠPERLIN (Slovenia - SI)  
Mr Emilio BAOS ARRABAL (Spain - ES)  
Ms Marianne PERSSON (Sweden - SE)  
Mr Eric GROSSENBACHER (Switzerland - CH) - *non-voting member*  
Mr Matt BECKINGHAM (United Kingdom - UK)  
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██████████ (Deputy Director, Governance, Europol)  
██████████ (Senior Legal Officer, Europol)

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

## List of items debated and/or approved (agenda)

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting
3. Recent internal developments and procedural issues
4. Presentation of the latest phenomena at the EU external borders focused on Frontex operational response
  - 4.1. Triton 2015
  - 4.2. Poseidon 2015
  - 4.3. Western Balkans
  - 4.4. Hotspot approach
5. Fundamental Rights issues
  - 5.1. Report from the Fundamental Rights Officers
  - 5.2. Decision of the Management Board on the appointment of the new NGO Members of the Consultative Forum
6. Single Programming Document 2016-2019
  - 6.1. Adoption of the Programme of Work 2016
  - 6.2. Adoption of the draft estimate of the Budget 2016, including the establishment plan
7. Decision on the adoption of the dates planned for Management Board meetings in 2016
8. External relations issues
  - 8.1. Decision of the Management Board on the deployment of a Liaison Officer in Turkey
  - 8.2. Decision of the Management Board on the mandate to the Executive Director to negotiate a Working Arrangement with Kosovo
9. Decision of the Management Board on the new unit costs
10. Information on the future of Frontex Liaison Office in Piraeus
11. Decision of the Management Board on the Data Protection implementing rules in Frontex
12. Decision of the Management Board on the Frontex Anti-Fraud Strategy
13. Presentation of the candidates to the post of a new chairperson and a new deputy chairperson
14. Presentation of the final report of Article 33 Evaluation
15. Information on the selection procedure of the new Deputy Executive Director
16. Presentation of the state of play of the Headquarters Agreement
17. Discussion on the United Kingdom's and Ireland's contribution to Frontex Budget
18. State of play on the implementation of the Programme of Work 2015
  - 18.1. Budget implementation
  - 18.2. Information on the European Joint Masters in Strategic Border Management (EJMSBM)
19. Presentation of the activities by the EU Council Presidency Luxembourg
20. Any other business

## Main results of the meeting

The presentation on the latest phenomena at the external borders was focused on the ongoing operations Triton and Poseidon Sea, unprecedented migratory pressure in the Western Balkans (with a special presentation by Hungary concerning the situation at the Hungarian-Serbian border) as well as the so called 'hotspot approach' which aims at improving the coordination of European assistance in areas of significant migratory pressure.

A working group was convened within the Management Board aiming at drafting and finalising the recommendation paper which will be subsequently adopted by the Board. This should enable the Board to decide on this matter in the November at the latest. Seven delegations (Sweden, Poland, Finland, The Netherlands, Germany, France and Italy) indicated their interest to participate in the working group. All delegations were requested to submit proposals related to the future of Frontex in writing as soon as possible. The final recommendations, after they are adopted by the Board, will be submitted to the European Commission.

The Fundamental Rights Officer presented her report covering the period from 1 March until mid-August 2015. Having in mind the recent expansion of the Frontex operational activities, a short discussion followed on the human resources made at the disposal of the FRO.

A new composition of the Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights was established and was given the mandate of three calendar years (until 31 December 2018) [[press release and the text of the Management Board Decision](#)].

The draft Programme of Work and Budget 2016 were discussed. The Commission will be consulted on the latter. After receiving the opinion of the Commission, the MB will be invited to adopt the Programme of Work and Budget 2016 by written procedure.

In the area of external relations, the Management Board adopted the decisions on the deployment of a Liaison Officer in Turkey and the decision authorising the Executive Director of Frontex to negotiate a working arrangement with the aim of establishing operational cooperation between Frontex and the competent authorities of Kosovo<sup>1</sup>, underlining that the proposal is not political but an operational one.

The Management Board adopted the decision on the unit costs to be used in operational activities. In addition, following the requests expressed during the 54<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting, Frontex initiated a pilot project for the rental of vehicles for joint operations.

The Management Board adopted the decision implementing data protection implementing rules in Frontex. These rules are of a general horizontal nature and concern administrative purposes. Implementing measures of the PeDRA (Personal Data in Risk Analysis) Project and of the processing of personal data of returnees in Joint Return Operations will be subject to separate and specific decisions.

The draft Anti-Fraud Strategy was discussed. Based on the comments, Frontex will propose an updated version at the Management Board meeting in November.

The election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall take place at the November meeting of the Management Board. All members of the MB have been invited to nominate themselves or other candidates for these positions.

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<sup>1</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

Frontex informed about the state of play of the selection procedure for the new Deputy Executive Director (the term of office of Mr Gil ARIAS will expire on 31 December 2015). The closing date for submission of applications is 30 September.

Frontex reported on the latest developments of the Headquarter Agreement negotiations with the Polish Government which were resumed in February 2015. A meeting with representatives of the Ministry of interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Finance was held in May. As a result, a full-fledged Polish delegation was created to negotiate governmental agreement with Frontex. However, the agreement on the minutes of this working meeting remains to be reached which blocks the work on the substance of the draft agreement.

The Working Group on Budget and Accounts announced that it will present its analysis and possible proposal regarding the UK and IE contribution to Frontex budget (administrative workload perspective).

Frontex reported about the official launching of the European Joint Master's in Strategic Border Management programme [[press release](#)].

It is foreseen that five Management Board meetings are to be organised in 2016: on 10-11 February in Amsterdam (hosted by the Dutch Presidency), on 30-31 March, 14-15 June (combined with the European Day for Border Guards that will be held on 16 June), 7-8 September and 23-24 November in Warsaw.