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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Working Party on Frontiers
Subject:	Frontex-INTERPOL Electronic Library Documents System

Delegations will find attached the presentation made by Frontex and Interpol at the meeting of the Working Party on Frontiers of 24 November 2023 on the above-mentioned subject.



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Frontex-INTERPOL Electronic Library Documents System

*Working Party on Frontiers
(Mixed Committee (EU-Iceland/Norway and
Switzerland/Liechtenstein))*

24 November 2023


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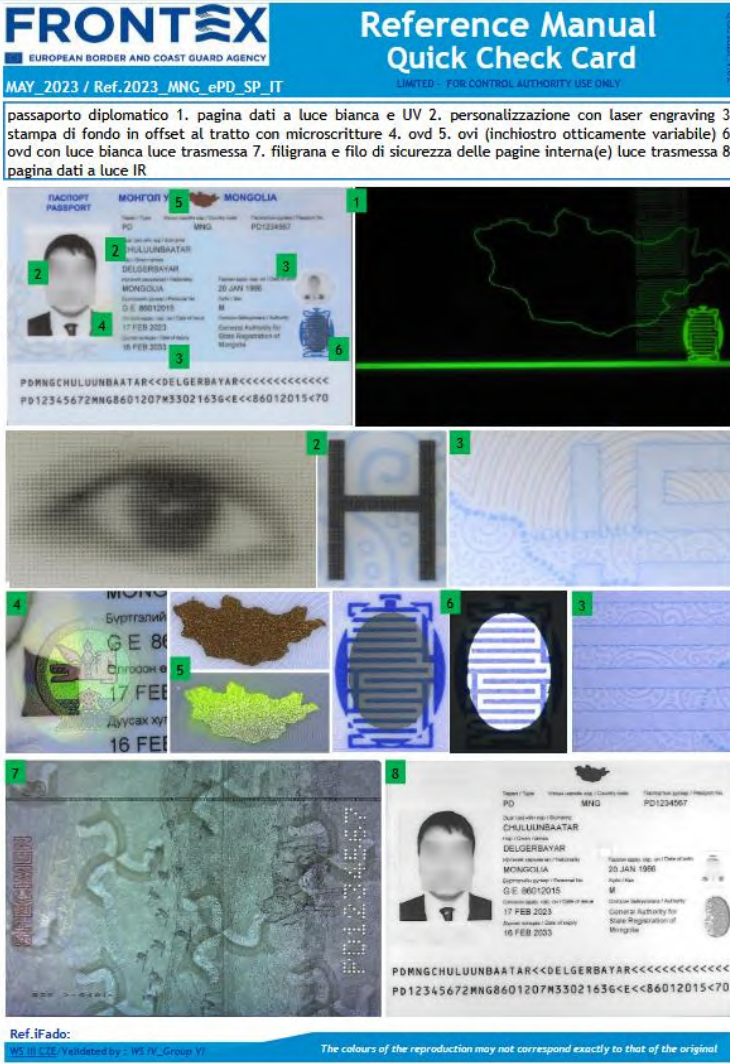
IMPROVING FRONTLINE DOCUMENT CHECKS

INTERPOL

QCC CONCEPT

The Quick Check Card is:

- A **decision aid** for front-line officers.
- It shows the **key detection points** of single documents (what to check!).
- It is based on the **recent forgeries trends** (risk analysis) and **modus operandi** (several document alerts), **vulnerability assessment** of the document and the **quantified judgement** of Frontex document experts.
- Using the **authentic images** of selected security features (mostly from specimen).
-  EU languages



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**Reference Manual
Quick Check Card**

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Given name: **ДЕЛГЕРБАЯР**
Nationality: **МОНГОЛ**
Date of birth: **20 JAN 1996**
Place of birth: **M**
Date of expiry: **17 FEB 2023**
Date of issue: **16 FEB 2023**
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2. Laser engraving of the passport photo.
3. Micro-embossed background pattern.
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5. OVI (Optically Variable Ink) showing the national emblem.
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QCC CONCEPT IN FIELDS

- ❑ The QCCs concept is specifically **tailored to front-line capabilities and conditions**, addressing relevant operational needs in document checks.
- ❑ Frontex and INTERPOL together have developed FIELDS as the house of the QCCs.
- ❑ INTERPOL network known as I-24/7 has been chosen as the vehicle to distribute QCCs in real time to frontline border guards, hence leveraging the same network already serving most of the EU Border Crossing Points with access to other INTERPOL's databases (Nominal, SLTD, SMV)



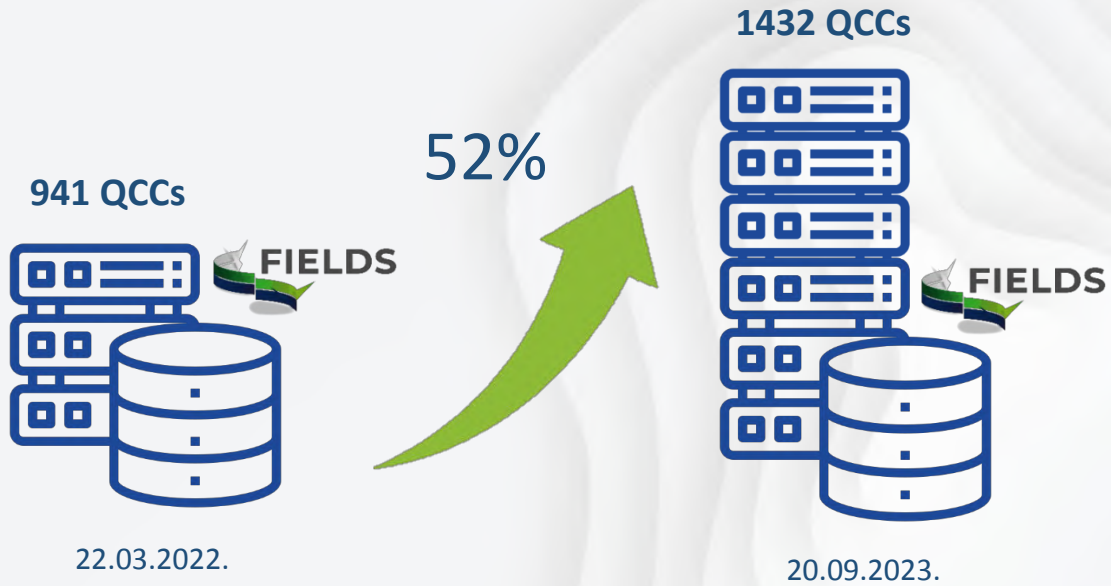
FRONT-LINE

CONDITIONS

- **Limited equipment**
- **Limited competence**
- **Limited time**



QCC IN FIELDS



FRENCH INTEGRATION (end of October 2023)

- FIELDS is now deployed in 100% of the frontline border posts in France (about 800).
- Number of automated queries between 03 April and 16 July: 6,131,537.
- Number of times the border guard requested to access the QCC: 2,847.
- FIELDS was able to provide a QCC for 99.1% of automated queries:
 - 0.26% no QCC available.
 - 0.65% invalid search (technical problem).
- 50% of the PAF staff trained.



VIDEO

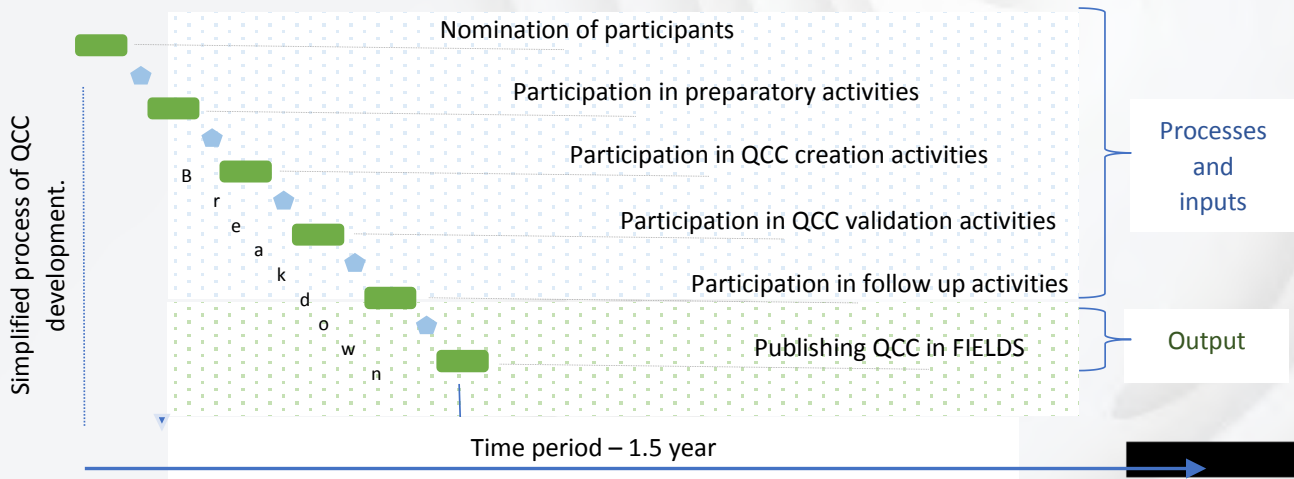


STATE OF PLAY AND PLAN

- As of September 2023 Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Malta, Romania, Spain are interested in the integration of the system in their national border management systems.
- 38 countries (EU + Australia and Canada, Western Balkans countries and Moldova) are contributing with document experts to the QCCs production (pace: about 150 new/revised QCCs every three months).
- 32 countries (EU + Australia and Canada) are accessing with no restriction EU information (QCCs) upon authorisation of COREPER.
- Exploring partnership with non-EU countries who might take the role of regional FIELDS ambassador => Approach in 2024 Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Peru via CBSA, Canada

CHALLENGE - QCC RESTRICTIONS

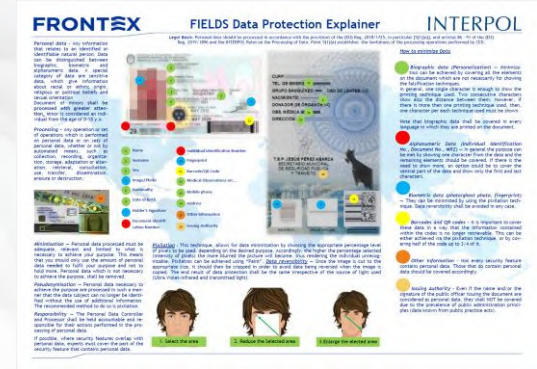
- Mutually beneficial cooperation is a condition for sharing QCCs within FIELDS with third countries.
- Western Balkans and Moldova are the pilot group to expand accessibility of QCCs – already producing QCCs and sharing them via FIELDS (no visibility yet).



Scope of a participating country' contribution - breakdown of activities

SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE IN QCC CREATION

- **Explainer** - visual explanation to apply data protection principles in the context of QCCs creation.
- **SoPs** – rules on the processing of the personal data for the creation of CED's products, best practices.
- **Index** – list of security features that may contain personal data. Used in operations and during the creation of QCCs.



Furthermore:

- Training sessions on personal data and data protection to the QCCs creation process.
- Instructions to the suppliers to make sure they are familiar with what they shall collect and transmit to the FIELDS interagency team.
- Endorsed by respective DPOs and INTERPOL CCF





Thank you for your attention!

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