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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
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| To: | Working Party on Frontiers |
| Subject: | FADO System Takeover |

Delegations will find attached the presentation made by Frontex at the meeting of the Working Party on Frontiers of 02 May 2024 on the above-mentioned subject.

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# FADO System Takeover

Working Party on Frontiers, 2 May 2024

Author: Frontex

# DISCUSSION POINTS

- State of play of the transfer of the FADO system from the GSC to Frontex.

- Declassification of Data of the current FADO system.

- Concept of Mutual Benefit Cooperation Approach in the Context of FIELDS Outreach Policy Implementation.

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# STATE OF PLAY OF THE TRANSFER OF THE FADO SYSTEM FROM THE GSC TO FRONTEX

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# LEGAL BASIS

- **EBCG 2.0 Regulation (EU) 2019/1896) Art.79**

  The Agency shall take over and operate the False and Authentic Documents Online ('FADO') system established in accordance with Joint Action 98/700/JHA.

- **FADO Regulation (EU) 2020/493) Art.3**

  In the performance of its task in accordance with Article 79 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896, the Agency shall ensure the proper and reliable functioning of the FADO system and provide support to the competent Member State authorities in the detection of false documents.

  The Agency shall be responsible for entering in the FADO system in a timely and efficient manner the information obtained and shall guarantee the uniformity and quality of that information.

# EBCG FADO

The system will be modernised in accordance with FADO Regulation to respond to the current and future operational needs and will bring additional value for documents checks.

## What will be different?

- Different data suppliers and consumers.

- Broader cluster of products.

- Data uniformity and quality, as well as relevance for end users.

# FADO TAKEOVER PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP

| Project Tasks | | 2024 | | | | 2025 | | | | 2026 | | | | 2027 | | | |
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| | | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Tender Procedure (incl. contractor selection procedure) | 09/22 – 09/24 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Business Change Implementation | 01/24 – 11/25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Data validation & migration | 07/23 – 08/26 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EBCG FADO system training implementation | 09/24 – 08/26 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commission Second Implementing Act | 12/23 – 02/26 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| System implementation Release 1 (MVP) | 09/24 – 08/26 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EBCG FADO takeover (from GSC)* | 03/26 – 08/26 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| System implementation Release 2 | 04/25 – 02/27 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*earliest: March 2026 / Latest: August 2026 (buffer included)*

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# ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- Tender (Lot1 & Lot 2). EvCo Opening Board – 14 May 2024.

- Current FADO system data analysis (First Report Delivered).

- Data Migration planning phase (Data Migration Strategy decided).

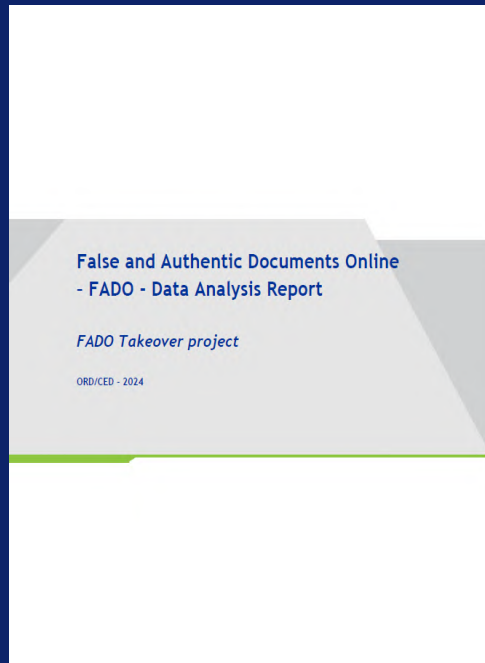- Conclusion of ECBG FADO Users Access Level Concept.

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# DECLASSIFICATION OF FADO DATA

# DATA ANALYSIS

Declassification decision concerns Authentic and False Document Descriptions in Expert FADO.

False and Authentic Documents Online
– FADO - Data Analysis Report

*FADO Takeover project*

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Frontex performed analysis on:

- Authentic Document Descriptions – Report issued. No comments from FADO Subgroup.

- False Document Descriptions – Report to be issued, May 2024.

- National Alerts – Report to be issued, May 2024.

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# DATA ANALYSIS

Conclusions:

- The difference between Expert FADO (Restricted) and iFADO in data is only in the number of images of authentic and false documents, and the difference is insignificant.

- The difference in the images between Expert FADO and iFADO results from the limitations defined in FADO Writing Rules for the fixed number of images to be displayed in iFADO. There are no other additional sensitive images included in Expert FADO in comparison to iFADO.

- iFADO can be used as a source for data migration.

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# CONCEPT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT COOPERATION APPROACH IN THE CONTEXT OF FIELDS OUTREACH POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

# BACKGROUND

FIELDS Outreach Policy implementation includes:

- Third countries identification and engagement in cooperation with Frontex ICU and INTERPOL.

- Onboarding process.

- Application of Criteria for Mutually Beneficial Cooperation.

The Agency is anticipating several technical and operational activities, including Legal and Personal Data protection measures, that will facilitate FADO entry into operations.

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# BACKGROUND

- 2016 - COREPER/COUNCIL authorised Frontex to use the images of the iFADO database for the production of QCCs as long as the QCCs are delivered and available only for officers from EUMS/SACs, and provided that Frontex inserts a reference in the QCC that the images are taken from the iFADO database and allows the QCCs to be uploaded in iFADO (7819/16 FAUXDOC 13 COMIX 277).

- 2023 - COREPER/COUNCIL authorised Frontex to extend access to QCCs using iFADO images to third countries provided that Frontex complies with Personal Data Protection rules and makes the sharing of QCC conditional to the active participation of experts from the relevant third countries in the production of QCCs and the population of the FADO system (10162/23 IXIM135 JAI 776 FRONT COMIX 275).

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# CONCEPT



The Concept defines principles and measurable criteria for mutually beneficial cooperation (Frontex/INTERPOL and a third country) and enabling transparent and informed decision for restriction management in FIELDS.

# Thank you!

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**Our Vision**

- The European Area of Freedom, Security and Justice.

**Our Mission**

- Together with the Member States, we ensure safe and well-functioning external borders providing security.

**Our Values**

- We are professional.
- We are respectful.
- We seek cooperation.
- We are accountable.
- We care.

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