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EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY

Cooperation between Frontex and third countries in 2023

Working Party on External Aspects of Asylum and Migration (EMWP)
20 September 2024

Key highlights in 2023

- growing network of partnerships with countries of origin and transit
- enhanced operational presence in the WBs
- concrete operational results along key migratory routes to the EU
- closer relations with Southern Neighbourhood countries
- returns supported by Frontex ↑ 60%
- fundamental rights - promoted across all activities in the external dimension



Dialogue and structured cooperation frameworks

- Pre-accession partners
- Africa and the Middle East
- Silk Routes countries and Central Asia
- Trans-Atlantic cooperation and other partners
- Latin America



Pre-accession countries

- utmost priority in the external dimension
- MoU fundamental rights - Albania; Moldova
- negotiations with all Western Balkans partners and Moldova to renew WA
- biennial exchange between Frontex MB and EU pre-accession partners hosting joint operations, including for the 1st time Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia



Cooperation with the Western Balkans countries

- New EUR 7 million technical assistance intervention in the Western Balkans
- Launch of JO North Macedonia in 2023

2023: Joint response at the borders

- Fully-fledged Joint Operations under EU Status Agreements

- Albania
- Montenegro
- Moldova
- Serbia
- North Macedonia



2023: JO Coordination Points

- JO without executive powers by deploying Standing Corps officers as EU experts
- 3 JO Coordination Points implemented in 2023:
 - JO Coordination Points Air, Land and Sea 2023, hosted by Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro and North Macedonia
 - JO Coordination Points Serbia 2023, hosted at air and land BCPs
 - JO Coordination Points Kosovo* 2023, hosted at air and land BCPs
- EMPACT - 6 JADs

Africa and the Middle East; Silk Routes countries



- along Central and Western Mediterranean Routes:
 - closer relations: Morocco, Lebanon, Jordan
 - reopened dialogue: Egypt, Tunisia
- in the Silk Routes region strengthening ties: Pakistan

Pre-return assistance

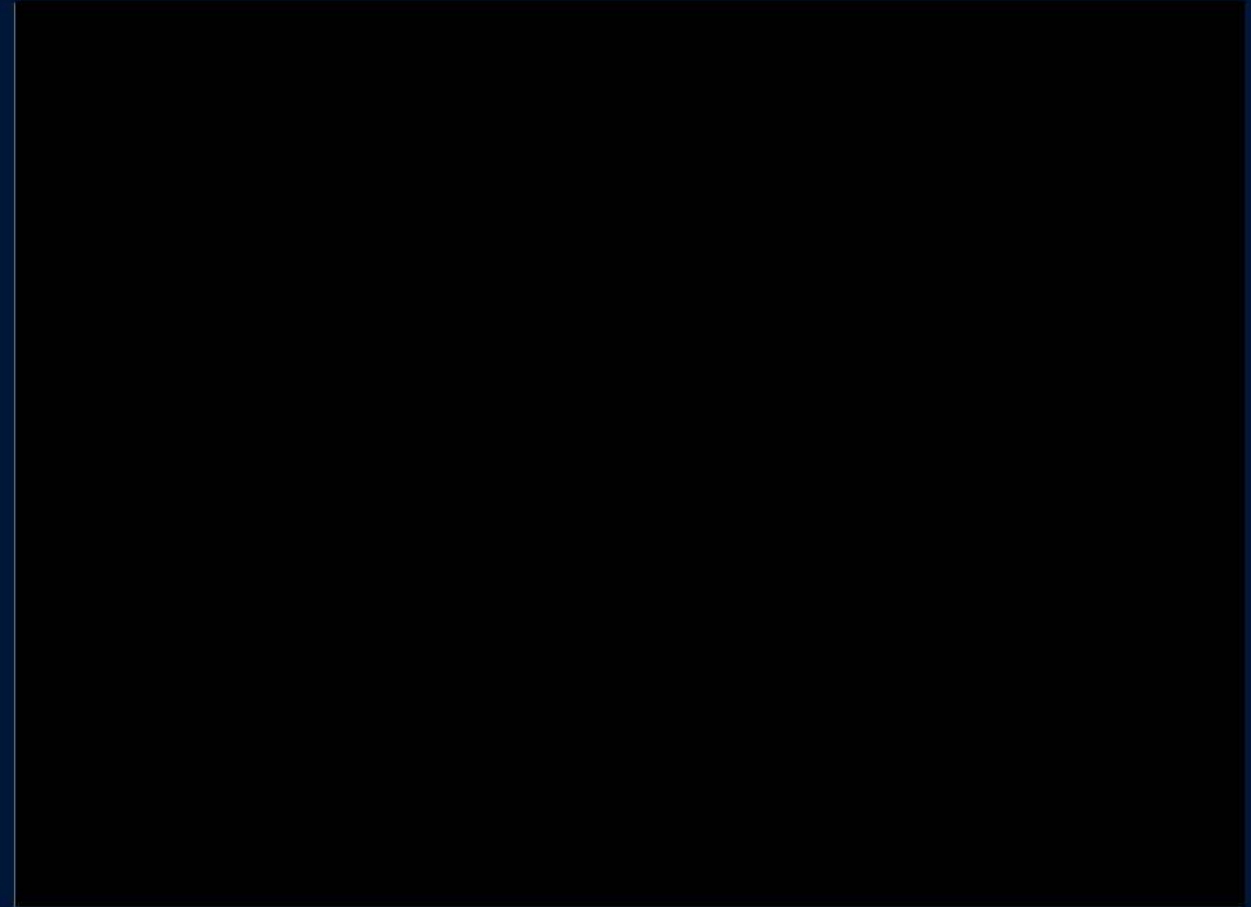
- **Enhanced the operational and technical cooperation with countries of return:**
 - **supporting deployment of EURLOs.**
 - **supporting the organisation of identification missions.**
 - **deployment of SC with Return Specialist profile.**
 - **use of the Readmission Case Management Systems (RCMS).**
 - **technical assistance activities.**

Returns - EURLOs

Coordinated deployment of 9 EURLOs covering 13 TCs:

→ EURLOs support MS & Frontex in enhancing cooperation on return-related activities:

- pre-return
- return operations & voluntary returns
- post-arrival & reintegration.

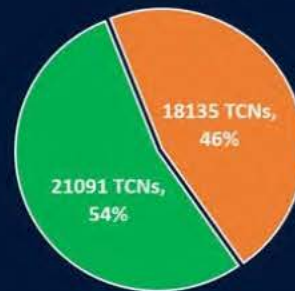


Return operations

- Frontex technical and operational support to MS for return of 39231 individuals to 112 TCs of destination.

Return Operations & Voluntary Returns by Air in 2023

- 54% voluntary-based returns.
- 71% on scheduled flights.

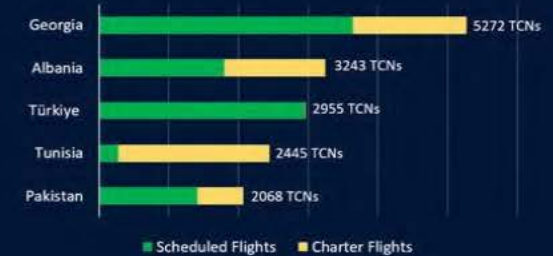


■ Voluntary Returns
■ Forced Returns



■ Scheduled flights
■ Charter flights

Top 5 Third Countries of Return



Post-return and reintegration

- Active support to reintegration assistance in 35 TCs in partnership with non-profit reintegration partners through the EU Reintegration Programme.
- No direct involvement of the TCs authorities in reintegration cooperation.
- 3 proposed Technical Assistance Projects for TCs on Return, Readmission and Reintegration (TAP4RRR) - development of well-coordinated referral and reintegration mechanisms & strengthening reintegration counselling capacities.

Technical assistance projects in 2023

Successfully
completed AFIC

Strengthening Western
Balkans' Border Security
Capacities

Technical Assistance
Projects for TCs on Return,
Readmission and
Reintegration

EU4BorderSecurity

Regional Support to
Protection-Sensitive Migration
Management Systems in the
Western Balkans, Phase III

**Technical assistance to the
State Border Guard Service
of Ukraine**

Key highlights in 2024



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EU REGIONAL SUPPORT TO
PROTECTION-SENSITIVE
MIGRATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

Thank you!

