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Delegations will find enclosed the presentation given by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX) in relation to Item 5 of the agenda of EMWP on 15 July 2026.



EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY

Cooperation between Frontex and third countries in 2025

Working Party on External Aspects of Asylum and Migration (EMWP)
15 July 2026



Partnerships along key migratory routes...



...building on EU synergies and leverage



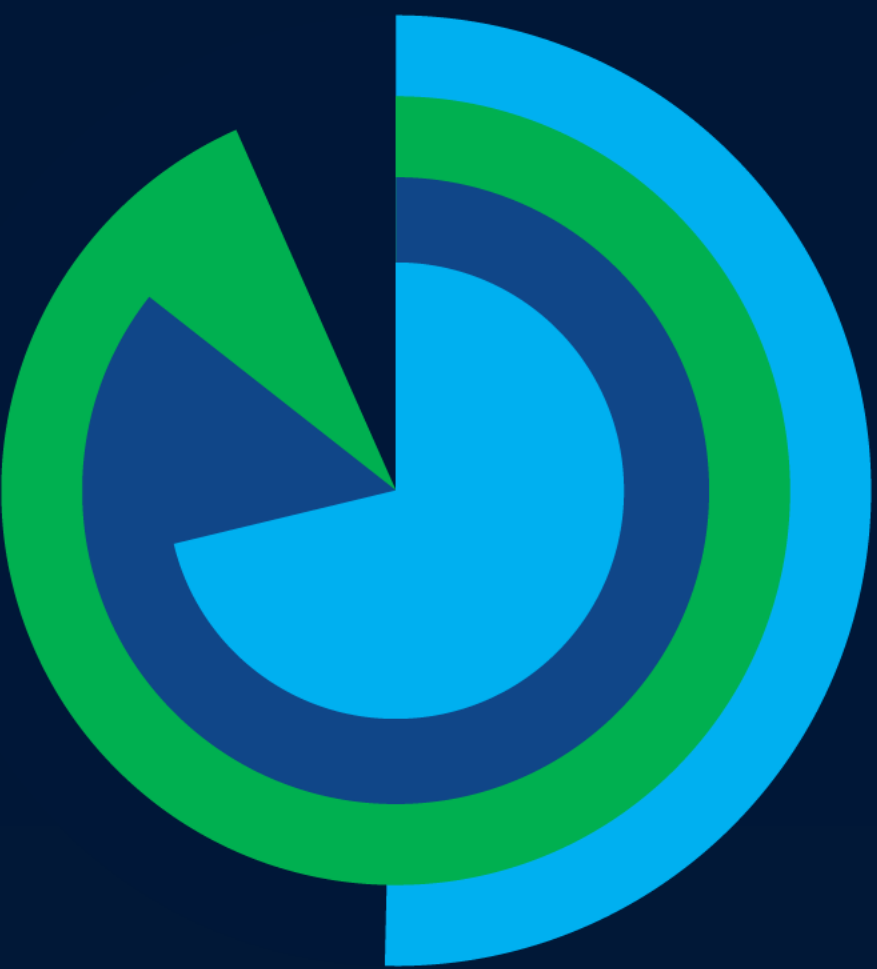
...and reinforcing bilateral cooperation of EU MS...



... form part of effective IBM

Integrated border management in the external dimension

Key highlights in 2025

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- Joint Operation Bosnia and Herzegovina with executive powers
 - Status Agreement upgraded with Serbia (extension of JO Serbia)
 - Memoranda of Understanding on Complaints Mechanisms signed with Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia
 - Liaison officers deployed to Pakistan and Morocco
 - Pilot project launched in Cabo Verde
 - Frontex-UK Risk Analysis Network established
 - 1400+ staff and 1200+ technical equipment deployed outside EU
 - Over 63,000 returned to 127 third countries

Tools of Frontex external engagement:

Highlights of 2025

	MNE	MKD	ALB	SRB	BiH	XKX*	MDA	UKR	TUR	GEO	ARM	MOR	PAK	GBR	CPV
 Status Agreement	MoU	MoU		upgrade, MoU	new										
 Working Arrangement															
 Technical assistance projects															
 Risk analysis network														new	
 Frontex Liaison Officer												new	new		
 Operational activities without executive powers															new



Launch of Joint Operation Bosnia-Herzegovina

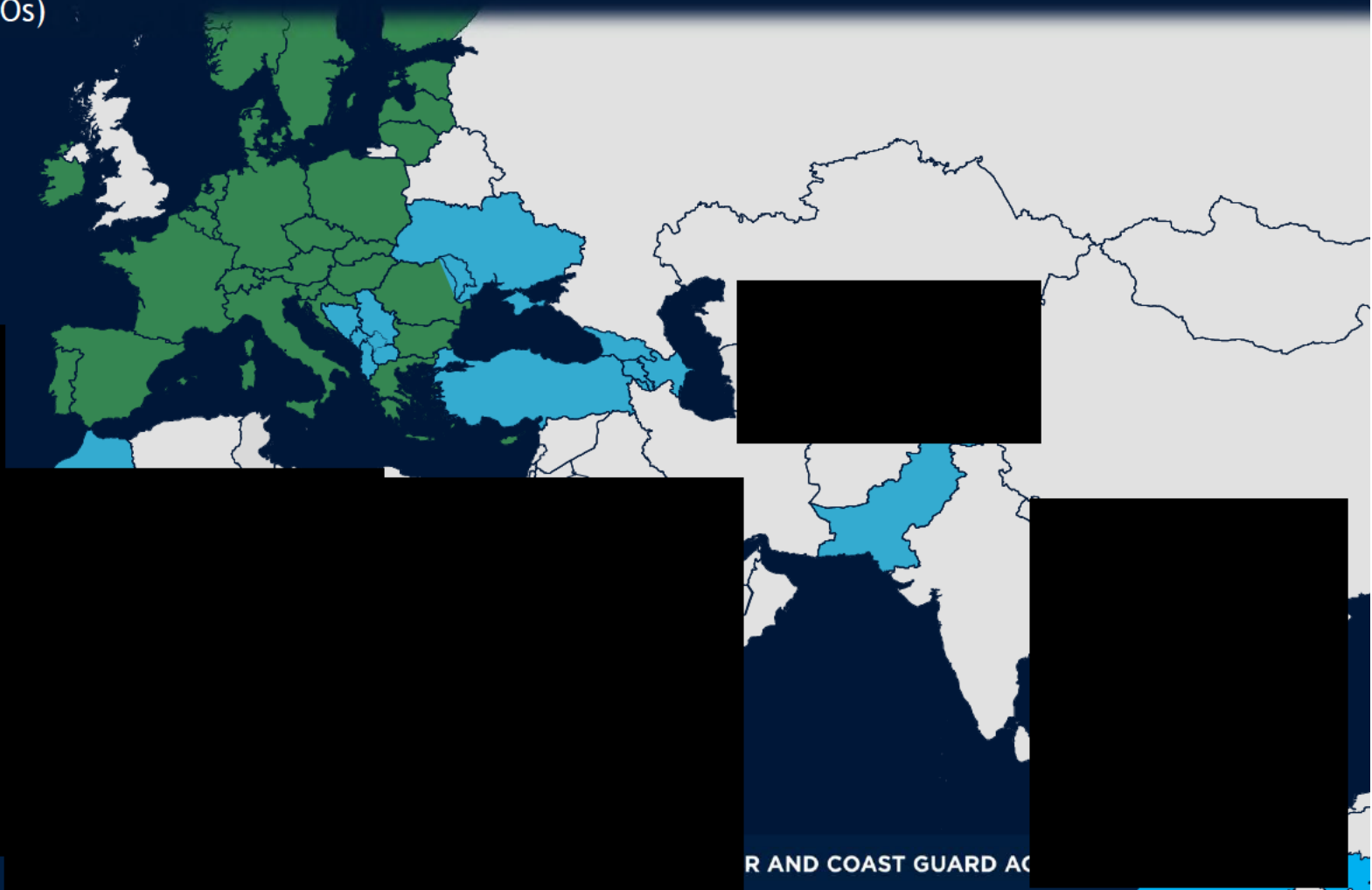


Liaison Officer network



Frontex Liaison Officers (FLOs)

1. Türkiye
2. Western Balkans (ALB)
3. Western Balkans (SRB)
4. Eastern Neighbourhood (MDA)
5. Pakistan
6. West Africa (SEN)
7. Morocco



Situational awareness and monitoring

- ❑ Risk analysis networks and communities
- ❑ European border surveillance system (EUROSUR)



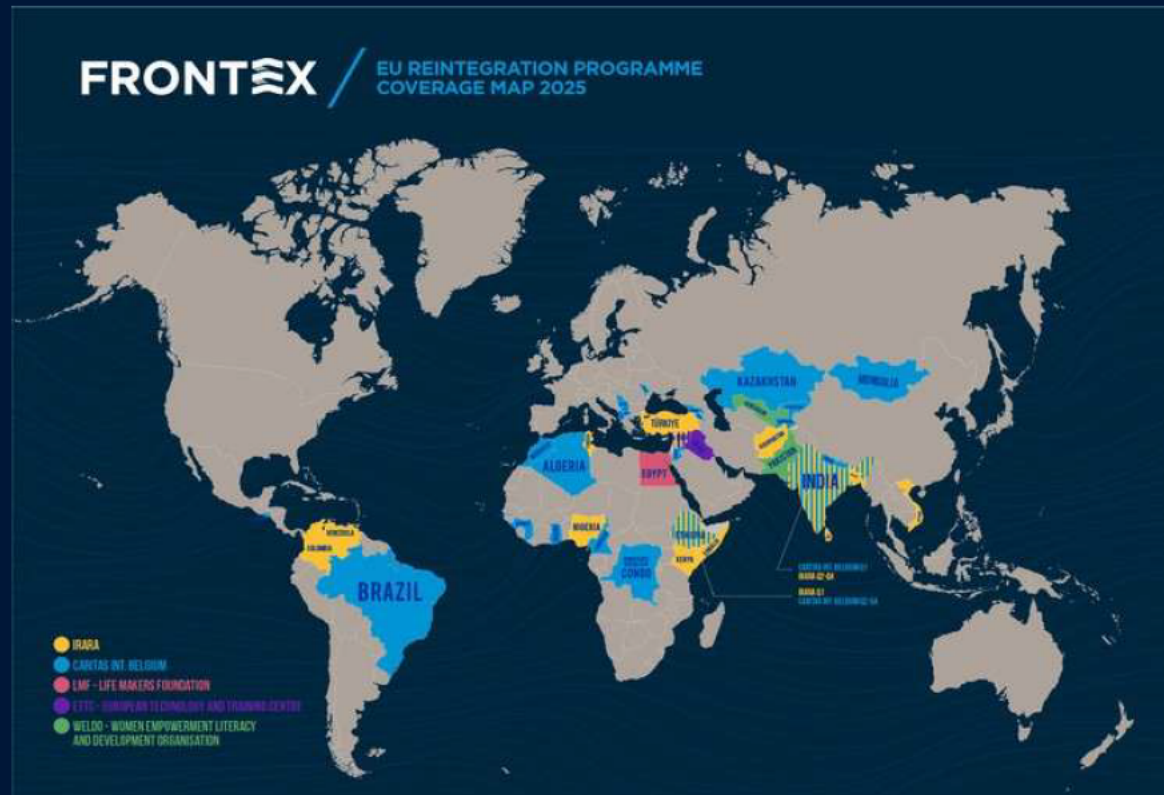
Top 10 third countries of return

EU Reintegration Programme

30 MS & SAC
participating in EURP

Over 44,000 individuals
registered for support
under EURP
(since the launch in April 2022)

EURP's geographic
scope covers
40 Third-Countries



Technical assistance projects





Developments in 2026

- ❑ Partnership Academy agreement with Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina
- ❑ New projects programmed: Ukraine, West Africa
- ❑ Phase II of EU4BorderSecurity project launched in the Southern Neighbourhood
- ❑ MoU on Complaints Mechanism with BiH
- ❑ Working Arrangement with Armenia initialled
- ❑ Working Arrangement negotiations launched with Lebanon and Jordan
- ❑ Frontex-Morocco Comité Mixed convened, paving the way for the next roadmap
- ❑ Executive Director's visits to Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina
- ❑ Upcoming: Executive Director's visit to Pakistan

Working Group on External Cooperation and Technical Assistance (EXT-TA)

Border management authorities of EU Member States

Objectives:

- complements, at operational level, the policy and strategy discussions on external relations at EU level
- facilitates operational coordination, driving coherent adoption of European Integrated Border Management
- promotes coherence, added value and alignment of operational support provided by the European Border and Coast Guard in third countries

International Cooperation Strategy 2028-32

- ❑ Alignment with the multi-annual policy cycle of IBM
- ❑ Reflecting the level of ambition of the EBCG recast
- ❑ Built on broad stakeholder participation
- ❑ A flexible framework for agile implementation

