Cooperation with Third Countries

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In accordance with Frontex Regulation Art. 13 and 14 as well as Art. 2.2, and Art. 16.3. of the Schengen Borders Code:

The functioning of *External Relations* is to

1. establish and develop cooperation between Frontex and external partners enabling Frontex’ Div/Units/Sect to carry out their tasks and to ensure aligning Frontex’ strategy with the EU external relations policy.

2. provide advice and support to facilitate activities with external parties (third countries, other EU bodies and international organisations).
Cooperation with 3rd Countries*
*(Competent authorities)*

STATE OF PLAY
January 2011

IN FORCE
INITIALLED
NEGOTIATIONS
TARGET

USA
CANADA
BRAZIL
CHINA
ALBANIA
CROATIA
FYROM
SERBIA
Bosnia and Herzegovina
MONTENEGRO
MARRI
ALGERIA
MOROCCO
MAURITANIA
SENEGAL
NIGERIA
W. BALKANS
AFRICA
AFRICA
LIBYA
EGYPT
TURKEY
GEORGIA
MOLDOVA
UKRAINE
BELARUS
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RUSSIA
CIS
EUROPOL
INTERPOL
CEPOL
UNHCR
IOM
COUNCIL SG
EMSA
CFCA
ICMPD
FRA
Examples of involvement of third countries during 2010

**Risk Analysis**
- WBRAN: Western Balkan countries
- EBRAN (RU, BY, UA, MD)
- FRONBAC Trainings (RU, BY, UA, MD, ALB, BiH, FYROM, HR, MNE, SRB)

**Joint Operations**
- i.a. with participation of non EU countries

**Training activities**
- Regular meetings with non EU country partners
- Other specific training activities and courses

**Research and Development**
- Surveillance Technology for Border Control (RU, USA)
- Workshop on Artificial Intelligence (USA)
Frontex Risk Analysis Network

Participants
Risk analysis experts from MS (27)
Schengen Associated Countries (3)
EU SITCEN, EU Commission, Europol

Objective
Regular information exchange
Knowledge sharing
Joint analytical activities

Tools
Common templates for sharing data, information
Feedback mechanisms
Meetings
Annual Risk Assessment

• Based on a common methodology (CIRAM)

• Uniform data collection in all MS
  – Data on 6 categories
  – Quantitative and Qualitative information
  – From Analytical Units of BGs in all MS (FRAN)

• Aims at providing the overall picture of illegal immigration and vulnerability of the EU external border

• Includes recommendations for action
1. Regular information exchange
2. Common definitions
3. Common platform
4. Joint analytical activities
5. Annual product
6. Annual event
MAIN INDICATORS:
- Detections of Illegal border crossing between and at BCPs
- Refusal of entry
- Detections of suspected facilitators
- Detections of illegal stay
- Refusals of entry
- Asylum applications
- Detection of false documents

More precise data on incidents during the JO in the operational area

Debriefing of illegal migrants by intelligence officers

→ routes and MO
• Increased common situational awareness
• Improved common understanding of threats and risks to border security, their causes, likelihood and impact
• More careful consideration of different risk mitigation options and strategies
• Data analysis and sharing provides all partners useful tool to deal with migration phenomena in their own countries
• More justified and targeted allocation of common funds and other resources
RABIT: Risk Assessment

• **1st Semester 2010**: Migration route TR → GR shifted from maritime to land border

• **Detections** until 31.10.2010: Increase by 415 % (compared to 2009)

• **Daily apprehensions**: 250 irregular migrants (average)

• **Main pressure**: in northern part, Area of Orestiada

• **Hellenic Authorities**: Insufficient resources/capacities
• Assisting in management of **border control and reception capacity** by providing additional resources and optimisation of their tactical use

• Providing **sustainable support** to reduce illegal migration flows by enhancing border control measures also covering adjacent external border areas

• Assisting in developing mapped process for **border management and building capacity** to implement activities under national responsibility
26 MS/SAC participating

- 191 Guest Officers
- 55 Additional GR Police Officers

PLUS EXTRA EQUIPMENT

- Request from GR 24 Oct
- Fx ED decision 26 Oct
- Op Plan signed 29 Oct
- Operation started 2 Nov
- Duration (est.) 2 months extended until 3 March 2011
• Overall number of illegal border crossings decreasing up to 143 per day
• However, numbers still remain significant
• Partial displacement from the 12.5 km land section in Orestiada towards the south along the river Evros
• Involvement of facilitators for illegal border crossing along the river
• Modus operandi varies according to nationality
• Main nationalities: Afghani, Algerian, Somali, Pakistani
• Central Mediterranean route
• Western Mediterranean route
• Western African route
• Eastern land borders
• Western Balkans
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