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EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF OPERATIONAL COOPERATION AT
THE EXTERNAL BORDERS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Frontex perspective. Operations: the business user view

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Frontex

- European Union Agency (EU legal basis)
- Driven by a Management Board composed by Heads of Border Guard Services and the European Commission (providing strategic guidance)
- *Managing operational cooperation* at external borders of European Union (EU)
- Promoting operational solidarity between Member States, the Agency supports, coordinates and develops EU border security according to community law and EU Fundamental Rights Charter



Frontex core business

- Operations cycle (consultation, analysis, operational measures, reporting)
- Operational activities = *organisation of persons*, i.e. border guards deployed to other countries for achieving specific objectives set in an operational plan:
 - wearing their uniform and exercising power according to the EU law
 - checking persons crossing the external borders together with the hosting authorities
 - deployed at Land and Sea borders, Airports and in Return Operations
- The agency provides specific capacity building activities and products (training, research and technical support assistance)



Frontex target clients

- Border guards authorities of Member States of EU (users of Inspection Systems and Tools)
- European Commission
- EU agencies and International Organisations
- Third Countries in the framework of Working Arrangements



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Document checks: users' macro environment

- Globalization
- Technology
- Information to knowledge
- Socio-political context





Document checks: users' business environment

- Contributing to migration managements
- Dealing with Human Beings
- Facilitating bona fide travelers within time constraints
- Ensuring internal security
- Identifying, saving the vulnerable persons and referring them to the protection authorities
- Fight cross border crime and other irregular activities



Document checks: users' business needs

- Decision support, speed, security, lawfulness, completeness, functionality, response, reference, visualization, worldwide standards, etc.
- Mobile technology: border checks on documents are often carried out far from the passport control booths
- Standards templates for specimen, alerts, document inspection systems...



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