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1. INTRODUCTION

The Operational Plan has been agreed with the authorities of the host Member State¹, in consultation with the authorities of the home Member States participating in the joint operation coordinated by Frontex. It covers all necessary elements for a proper and timely organization of the joint operation coordinated by Frontex.

The Operational Plan is composed of the Main part, General and Specific Annex to the Operational Plan. The Main part, General and Specific Annex are an integral part of the Operational Plan, having the same importance and legal binding character.

Main part and Specific Annex of the Operational Plan contain detailed and specific information related to the particular joint operation, while General Annex to the Operational Plan encloses operational information applicable to all joint land borders operations. General and Specific Annex complement the Main part of the Operational Plan by providing complete and comprehensive description of the implementation of the joint operation.

The Main part and Specific Annex of Operational Plan are marked as [REDACTED] without prejudice to the public right of access to documents as laid down in Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001, regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, while the General Annexes to the Operational Plan has no classification mark indicated.

Operational Plan shall only be made available to the authorities referred in each MS as "Law Enforcement". This document shall be made available to other interested parties only on a need-to-know basis and in accordance with European and national rules on the protection of sensitive/classified information. Such dissemination of this document shall be done only on a case-by-case basis.

This Operational Plan may be revised at any time in order to correspond with the new operational developments. In accordance with Article 3a (2) of Frontex Regulation, any amendments to or adaptations of the Operational Plan require the agreement of the Frontex Executive Director and the host MS. A copy of the amended Operational Plan shall be immediately distributed by Frontex to the participating MS via FOSS.

The Legal framework of Frontex, Fundamental rights in Frontex coordinated activities and Code of conduct can be found in General Annex.

2. DESCRIPTION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION

The operational areas of this JO are Border Crossing Points (BCP) located on the road and railway connections at the external land border of the Member States and in certain cases also at various points along the green border in-between BCPs. Based on the findings and the forecast of the Annual Risk Analysis (ARA), the vulnerabilities identified combined with the requests from Member States (MS), led to the establishment of Focal Points (FP) not only as an operational response to the pressure of illegal migration but also as a coordinating and monitoring tool which supported other Frontex coordinated operational activities and Member States.

The thorough assessment of the situation can be found in the Specific Annex 1.

¹ For the purposes of the present document, the term "Member State" includes also the States participating in the relevant development of the Schengen acquis in the meaning of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and its Protocol (No 19) on the Schengen acquis integrated into the framework of the European Union.

3. OPERATIONAL AIM AND OBJECTIVES

3.1. Operational aim

The operational aim of the joint operation is to implement coordinated operational activities at the external land borders of the host Member States in order to control irregular migration flows towards the territory of the MS and to tackle cross border crime.

The operational aims will be implemented in full compliance with the relevant EU law, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights, the relevant international law, including the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees from 1951, the respect for fundamental rights in particular the access to international protection and the compliance with the principle of non-refoulement and taking into account the recommendations of the Frontex Consultative Forum.

3.2. Operational objectives

- Enhance border security
- Enhance operational cooperation
- Enhance exchange of information
- Identify possible risks and threats
- Establish and exchange best practices
- Support establishment of permanent structures
- Support provision of trainings

The main objectives of joint operation will be achieved by combining different type of operational activities, particularly: border checks, border surveillance and intelligence gathering (debriefing) activities.

The core idea of the JO Focal Point 2015 Land is to facilitate the implementation of the Integrated Border Management concept at the EU external borders by establishing a permanent Focal Points system at the hot spots and using them as a platform for joint operations and information gathering.

The detailed information regarding operational objectives and indicators is provided in Specific Annex 2.

4. OPERATIONAL CONCEPT

The activities during the operation include deployment of technical and human resources in order to:

- Enhance border checks at designated border crossing points;
- In case of operational need provide support to local authorities in border surveillance activities;
- Support debriefing activities in order to collect information for risk analysis purposes;
- Share experiences and exchange expertise as well as to constantly update knowledge on the illegal migration trends in order to adopt countermeasures to tackle the phenomena;
- Collect and assess information in order to improve the detection of human smuggling and trafficking in human beings facilitation by individuals and/or criminal networks and assist wherever possible identification and detention of facilitators;
- Provide with a clear and updated situational picture concerning the operational areas, modus operandi, main trends and possible rapid changes in this respect;
- Carry out daily and ad-hoc exchange of information between Frontex and all operational actors and structures involved;
- Promote the inter-agency cooperation and cooperation with other international and EU bodies and Third Countries.

The detailed operational concept and Guidelines for debriefing activities are defined in General Annex.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

5.1. Period of implementation²

Commencement	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Termination	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

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5.2. Additional information

Operational briefing general part will be performed twice a year according to the invitation sent by Frontex as following:

[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Operational briefing national part will be performed for participants during the first days of deployment.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Travelling day	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Operational (national) briefing	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Operational days	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Operational debriefing	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Travelling day	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

Guest Officers should also attend briefings of regional Joint Operations taking place in the same area with involvement of Focal Point.

In addition to above meetings Focal Points and Local Coordinators Network Meeting will take place on 1-2 July 2015.

² Foreseeable duration of the joint operation as indicated in the Article 3a (1) (b)- of the Frontex Regulation.

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5.3. Operational areas³

No	Focal Point	Border section
1.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
2.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
4.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
5.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
6.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
7.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
8.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
9.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
10.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
11.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
12.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
13.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
14.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
15.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
16.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
17.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
18.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
19.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
20.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
21.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
23.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
24.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
25.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
26.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
27.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
28.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
29.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
30.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
31.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
32.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
33.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
34.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
35.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
36.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
37.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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Focal Points establish a permanent system at the hot spots at external land borders, operating as platforms for joint operations and information gathering. Therefore the JO Focal Points Land 2015 Land will be used as platform for:

- Flexible Operational Activities 2015;

³ Geographical area of the joint operation as indicated in Article 3a (1) (c) of the Frontex Regulation

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- JO Coordination Points 2015;
- Training activities;
- Customs operations;
- Any other activities where Focal Point system serves the purpose.

In case of justified operational need and previously approved by Frontex, the operation area might be extended to other BCPs located in the same region as the Focal Points listed above and which are considered as alternative routes for irregular migration and for other cross border related crime.

5.4. Initial participants

Host MS	Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece
Home MS	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden
Third countries	Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, Ukraine
Other Union agencies and bodies or international organizations	Europol

5.5. Operational briefings / debriefings

All participants taking part in joint operation will receive the Operational briefing and debriefing delivered by representatives of Frontex and/or national authorities of host MS. At the end of each deployment, the host MS will organize a debriefing meeting with the experts deployed.

The detailed information regarding operational areas, initial plan of deployed resources and operational briefing and debriefing is provided in Specific Annex 4-6.

The standard plan of operational briefing and debriefing is available in General Annex.

6. COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES, OTHER UNION AGENCIES AND BODIES OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

6.1. Cooperation with third countries

In the framework of the existing Working Arrangements between Frontex and the competent authorities of Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, Ukraine and pursuant to Article 14(6) of the Frontex Regulation, Frontex has invited border guard/police officers from the aforementioned countries to be deployed as observers in the Focal Points established at the external land borders with prior agreement of the Host MS.

The observers will receive appropriate operational briefing and debriefing delivered by representatives of Frontex and/or national authorities of host MS.

The more detailed information regarding the participation and tasks of Third Country Observers in joint operation is defined in Specific Annex 7.

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6.2. Cooperation with other Union agencies and bodies or international organizations

During the joint operation the cooperation with Europol is foreseen.

More detailed information about cooperation with other Union agencies and bodies or international organizations within land border activity is provided in Specific Annex 8.

7. COORDINATION STRUCTURE

7.1. Partnership

Frontex is the EU coordinator, initiating, promoting and facilitating the EU MS synchronized efforts to control the external borders.

The local authorities are the direct partners of Frontex and responsible for all border related activities within the joint operation.

The home MS will support the achievement of operational objectives and implementation of activities by deploying their resources to the defined locations in particular periods of time.

7.2. Main operational structures / actors and their tasks

7.2.1. Member States

- International Coordination Centre (ICC) - The ICC of JO Focal Points 2015 Land will be established in Frontex Headquarters and composed of Frontex Coordinating Officer, Operational Team, FSC SDO and ICC Coordinators of the host MSs. ICC Coordinators perform their daily task in Host MS. Proper inform flow between Frontex Headquarters and ICC Coordinators will be ensured via email, cell and fixed line phones and videoconference.

In case of operational need and based on prior agreement with Host MS the above mentioned ICC structure, location, and tasks of ICC might be changed according to relevant provision of the Handbook.

- ICC Coordinator
- National Official (NO) - Officers of home MS deploying aerial assets (*if applicable*)
- Experts - GO, SGO
- Interpreters/Cultural Mediators (*if applicable*)
- Local Coordination Centre (LCC)
- LCC Coordinator
- Debriefing Coordinator
- Focal Point
- Local Coordinator of Focal Point
- Local staff of the host MS

7.2.2. Third Country

- Third country observer
- Local staff of the Third Country

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- Coordination Point
- Local Coordinator of Coordination Point

7.2.3. Frontex

- Operational Manager (OM) and Operational Team (OT)
- Frontex Coordinating Officer (FCO)
- Frontex Operational Coordinator (FOC)
- Frontex Support Officer (FSO)
- Operational Analyst (OA)
- Special Adviser for Debriefing Activities
- Frontex Situation Centre (FSC)
 - Senior Duty Officer (SDO)
 - Frontex Support Officer (FSO FSC)
 - FOSS Service Managers
 - JORA Service Managers
- Training Unit (TRU)
- Pooled Resources Unit (PRU)

The tasks and roles of operational structures / actors are defined in General Annex.

Description of the tasks and specific instructions to guest officers and other participants (Rules of engagement) are defined in Specific Annex 3.

8. COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATION AND REPORTING

8.1. Command and control

Operational command of aerial and terrestrial assets of the participating MS remains with the respective MS, while the tactical command of the assets is in the hands of the ICC after consultation with the National Officials (NO).

Command and control of GO, Interpreters /Cultural Mediators and Observers from Third countries remain with the competent national authority of the host MS.

SGO perform their tasks under the instructions from the border guards of the host MS, while their command and control is exercised by Frontex.

GO and SGO under FSO profile perform their tasks under the instructions and command and control of Frontex.

The general command and control provisions are defined in General Annex.

Command and control scheme is defined in Specific Annex 9.

Names of the host MS border guards and police responsible for cooperating with the teams, in particular those of the border guards/police who are in command of the teams during the period of deployment, and the place of the teams in the chain of command are included in Specific Annex 11.

8.2. Operational communication

The operational communication between Frontex and all operational actors will be ensured via e-mail, cell and fixed line phones and videoconference as well as radio and satellite phones.

The information about joint operations (operational documents) will be accessible via FOSS.

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Access to the website containing Operational Plan and other relevant operational documents, contact details are granted to participants of the joint operation according to FOSS procedures. Participants will be granted access to the webpage on FOSS after their introduction in OPERA. Other participants, who are not introduced in OPERA, will receive access after submission and authorization of the FOSS User Access Request Form. SGO will be granted FOSS access by default to the joint operation page on FOSS, unless otherwise requested by the Operational Manager.

Detailed information about communication and FOSS is provided in General Annex.

Contact details of participants can be found in Specific Annex 11.

8.3. Communication with Press

Frontex is strongly committed to the principle of transparency, therefore, as a general rule, media should be granted access to operational areas.

Frontex communication policy, rules and guidelines for handling media requests are included in General Annex.

The contact details of Frontex press office members (Spoke Person and Press Officer) and dedicated press officers of national authority of the host country are indicated in Specific Annex 11.

8.4. Reporting

The examples of templates of all reports are provided in General Annex. The templates in Word format are stored on FOSS.

8.4.1. Incidents reporting and JORA

All relevant incidents that have occurred within the joint operation shall be reported via JORA System.

Comprehensive information on JORA is provided in General Annex.

The list of JORA actors, the incidents reporting structure and JORA incident template attributes list are described in Specific Annex 10.

The JORA Guidelines are available in FOSS.

8.4.2 Reports from participants

Type of report	Description	Responsibility	To be sent to
ICC Daily report and/or JCB Minutes (including Patrolling Schedule)	In case of operational need daily operational overview, covering the last 24 hours (06:00 - 05:59) will be prepared.	ICC	Shall be sent via functional email: [Redacted] [Redacted]
Technical Equipment Mission Report	Information about the activity performed by the assets	NO	Shall be sent via functional email [Redacted]
Intelligence reports	Intelligence related to irregular migration gathered from migrants and the national authorities	IO Debriefing Expert	[Redacted] and emails of respective LCCs

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Report from National Briefer	Information on National briefing provided to participants of the JO	National Briefer	Shall be sent to the Training Unit via email [Redacted] within 5 days
Incident reports from Reporting Units	Information collected by the reporting units from the operational area, within the scope of the JO provided to FSC	LCC	Shall be sent via the reporting application JORA, according to the reporting timetable in Annex 10

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In order to enhance operational cooperation and synergies between different coordinated activities implemented in the area, members of the EBGT deployed at FPs may regularly report to the ICC established in the framework of Joint Operation Flexible Operational Activities 2015 land, through the established reporting channels of the Local Coordination Centre.

8.4.2 Daily package

In case of operational need and prior agreement with the Host MS, the Daily Package shall be prepared by the ICC Staff and shall consist of the reports indicated in a chapter above. The ICC is responsible for the dissemination of the Daily Package on a daily basis before 13.00 CET to Frontex (Operational Team and FSC) via functional emails [Redacted].

8.4.3 Serious incident reporting

A Serious Incident Report is an alert message that shall be reported immediately (within 2 hours after recognition) to the FSC and the Host Member States Authorities in case an unexpected and relevant incident occurs, that needs immediate attention of Frontex having special regard to any serious violation of Fundamental and Human Rights.

Type of report	Description	Responsibility
Serious Incident Report	An alert message that shall be reported immediately (within 2 hours after recognition) to FSC in case a relevant incident occurs that needs urgent attention as the incident may affect or be relevant to, the Frontex mission, its obligation, image, the safety and security of participants in activities coordinated or led by Frontex, or any combination thereof, having special regard to any violation of Fundamental Rights.	All participants of the JO

Shall be sent immediately via functional emails [Redacted] and host MS LCC.

Serious Incidents Catalogue is available in General Annex.

8.4.4 Frontex reports

Type of report	Description	Responsibility	To be sent
FCO report	Feedback on performed activities in the area	FCO	Shall be sent to Frontex via functional email [REDACTED]
FOC Report	Overview of the operational activities	FOC	Shall be sent to Frontex via functional emails [REDACTED]
Monthly Analytical Report/Update (MAU)	Analytical assessment of the factors impacting the situation in the operational area, trends, patterns	OA	MAU shall be sent by OA to functional email [REDACTED] and shall be uploaded on FOSS by OT.
FSC Situational Report	Overview of the operational activities related to the 24-hour period of the preceding day	FSC SDO	Will be uploaded on FOSS under the responsibility of SDO to be accessible for MS and distributed to other stakeholders by email only in case they do not have access to FOSS

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8.4.5 Document alert and Reference Manual

The officers are requested to compile the Reference Manual Alert Form or /and Stolen Vehicles Template each time a relevant document **forgery** or /and **relevant case on stolen vehicle is detected**. This compiled alert(s) shall be sent to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] via the appropriate reporting channel. In case Daily Package is prepared by the ICC, the Alerts shall be inserted in the daily report package. The Alert will be later integrated in the Reference Manual if the relevance will justify it.

9. ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGMENTS AND LOGISTICS

9.1. Arrangements of deployed resources

9.1.1. Operational resources management system (OPERA)

The Operational resources management system (OPERA) is an integrated web-based system for the management of the operational resources pooled and deployed in Frontex coordinated activities. Information related to the availability and deployment of the resources is available in the application.

All information required for issuing accreditation cards for participants shall be introduced by participating MS via Opera.

More information about Opera is provided in General Annex.

9.1.2. Composition of the teams of guest officers and deployment of other relevant staff

The deployed officer from the home MS will form joint teams with the officers of the host MS in line with Article 10(3) of the Frontex Regulation.

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9.1.3. Technical equipment deployed by Member States

Technical equipment deployed by the MS in the operational areas to foster the border control activities may include Helicopters, Fixed Wing Airplanes (FWA), Thermo Vision Vans (TVV), patrol cars, Dog Teams and any other type of equipment agreed and confirmed by Frontex and the MS.

All the patrolling activities performed by the technical equipment deployed by the MS (for the border control activities related to the operational areas) are considered as a part of operational activities under the hereby Operational Plan, disregarding whether, or to what extent, they are financially covered by Frontex.

9.1.4. Management of the operational assets deployed by Frontex

Pooled Resources and Joint Operations Units deal with the distribution and retrieval of operational assets in the operational areas, according to the procedures in place.

More information about arrangements of deployed resources and operational assets is available in General Annex.

The initial plan of deployed resources is available in Specific Annex 5.

All participants shall get familiar and apply the Tasks and specific instructions to guest officers and other participants (Rules of engagement) defined in Specific Annex 3.

9.2. Transport and lodging

The use of rental car is to be approved in advance by the Operational Manager and expenses should be included in the relevant financial documents. In this case all practical/logistic issues should be arranged by participants themselves in advance.

Upon arrival and departure, transportation from/to the airports to/from the hotels should be arranged according to the agreement between Frontex- Host and Home MS as indicated in Specific Annex 12.

Information regarding logistical issues can be found in Specific Annex 12.

9.3. Field visits

Prior the deployment of aerial assets, it is recommended for home MS to perform a field visit in order to get familiar with the operational area, local authorities and other stakeholders. The field visit should be approved by the Operational Manager and agreed with the LCC of Home MS.

9.4. Logistics

9.4.1. Heavy equipment, firearms and ammunition

Heavy equipment is highly recommended to be delivered on the day after operational briefing and shipped back on the day before debriefing day.

Delivery addresses and list of contact persons are included in Specific Annex 11.

9.4.2. Diplomatic clearance and Night flights under VFR ATC clearance

The home MS deploying aerial assets shall make the necessary arrangements in advance to obtain the Diplomatic clearance and Night flights under VFR ATC clearance (if required by the regulation of host MS) to allow the state aircraft to enter the airspace of host MS.

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The home MS should respect the time needed for issuance of flight clearance according to national procedures and submit clearance request for the diplomatic clearance in time in order not to jeopardise the timely start of the mission.

10. EVALUATION

10.1. Member States and Third Countries

Reports	Benchmarks
Report from Participant	Shall be submitted to Frontex within 7 calendar days after deployment via functional email: [REDACTED] Relevant sections of the report will be distributed to TRU. <i>Template of the report is available on FOSS</i>
Final Report from Member State	Shall be submitted to Frontex attached to the request for payment via functional email [REDACTED].
Final Report from Third Country	<i>Template of the reports is available on FOSS</i>

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The final payment will not be processed until the Final Reports from MS and Third country are not submitted to Frontex. In case only few GO were deployed by home MS, Report from Participant may be sufficient, if prior agreed with the Operational Manager.

10.2. Frontex

Reports	Benchmarks
Frontex Evaluation Report	The results of the joint operation will be evaluated and Frontex Evaluation Report (FER) will be transmitted within 60 calendar days after the termination of the JO to the Management Board together with the observations of the Fundamental Rights Officer referred to in Article 26a of the Frontex Regulation. FER will be uploaded on FOSS.

11. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

In accordance with the decision of the Frontex Executive Director, Frontex will co-finance the joint operation. Frontex will reimburse eligible costs incurred by participating MS authorities in relation to deployments of human and technical resources provided that the Framework Partnership Agreement is in force.

Detailed financial provisions are described in General Annex.

SPECIFIC ANNEX

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