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1. INTRODUCTION

The Operational Plan has to be agreed with the authorities of the host Member State, in consultation with the authorities of the home Member States (MS) 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, Specific and General Annex of the Operational Plan. The Main part, the Specific and General Annex are an integral part of the Operational Plan, having the same importance and legal binding character.

The main part and Specific annex of the Operational Plan contain detailed and specific information related to the particular joint operation, while General Annex of the Operational Plan encloses operational information applicable to all joint maritime operations. Both Specific and General 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 “Frontex Non-Classified Sensitive Basic Protection Level” 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 Annex of the Operational Plan have no classification mark indicated.

The Operational Plan shall only be made available to the authorities referred in each Member State 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.

The 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 Member State and consultation with the home 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 the General Annex.

2. DESCRIPTION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION

In 2014, the central Mediterranean region was heavily affected by irregular migratory flows. More precisely, the operational area of the EPN Triton mission (encompassing Italy and intercepting irregular migrants coming from Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Greece and Turkey) has been under continued pressure from seaborne irregular migration with irregular migrants using a variety of modi operandi.

Historically, after the massive influx generated by the Arab Spring in Tunisia and in Libya in early 2011, the number of seaborne irregular migrants declined in the second half of 2011 and a year of relatively low figures followed in 2012. During 2013, however, a drastic increase was again recorded, with a peak in September. It is worth noting that in October 2013, Italy began the Operation Mare Nostrum1 with the aim...
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of preventing loss of life at sea. This Operation Mare Nostrum, a humanitarian operation, was launched in response to the fatal incident, which occurred at the beginning of October 2013, in which more than 360 migrants drowned after their boat capsized off the Italian Island of Lampedusa. This operation enabled the early detection and rescue of migrant boats in distress much closer to the Libyan coast and on the high seas than the assets deployed in the framework of the Joint Operation EPN Hermes and EPN Aeneas.

In 2014, the central Mediterranean Sea was by far the main migratory route to the EU for thousands of irregular migrants departing from Libya, Egypt, Turkey, Greece and Algeria. The increasing trend in the central Mediterranean continued throughout 2014 with the number of detected irregular migrants reaching unprecedented levels and even surpassing the totals recorded during previous years already in April 2014. The end of Operation Mare Nostrum on 31 October 2014 had direct impact on the JO EPN Triton 2014.

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

3. OPERATIONAL AIM AND OBJECTIVES

3.1. Operational aim

To implement coordinated operational activities at the external sea borders of the Central Mediterranean region in order to control irregular migration flows towards the territory of the MS of the EU and to tackle cross border crime.

The operational aims will be implemented in full compliance with the relevant EU and international law, 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 the best practices

The main objectives of joint operation will be achieved by combining different type of operational activities, particularly: border surveillance, debriefing and screening activities.
The objective of enhanced border security includes reinforced surveillance as contribution to support effective SAR operations as and when necessary under the instructions of the coordinating RCC, as well as enhanced contribution to identification of migrants and fight against facilitated irregular migration. Depending on individual cases, improved identification of migrants is expected to facilitate asylum applications or pave the way for pre-return assistance to host MS.

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

4. OPERATIONAL CONCEPT

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

- Provide support to Italian authorities in border surveillance activities at sea borders;
- Contribute to search and rescue in order to render assistance to persons found in distress;
- Support debriefing activities by deploying Joint Debriefing Teams in order to collect information for risk analysis purposes;
- Support identification procedures of the Host MS by deploying Screening Experts;
- Share experiences and exchange expertise as well as to constantly update knowledge on the irregular 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 facilitated by individuals and/or criminal networks and assist wherever possible in the identification 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;
- Facilitate the cooperation with Union agencies and bodies or international organizations, and third countries.

In case there are any other maritime operational activities related to the irregular migration phenomena implemented in the Central Mediterranean region outside the framework of JO EPN Triton 2015, the proper cooperation, timely and smooth exchange of information has to be ensured by the Host MS and Frontex with the deployment of Liaison Officers as well as other necessary actions implemented.

Eurosor Fusion Services

The Eurosor Fusion Services (Geospatial Information, Vessel Monitoring and Tracking, Vessel Detection and Environmental Information) are available via the Eurosor Fusion Services (EFS) to support decision-making, planning and execution of missions. Aligned with operational needs, these services are accessible via the Eurosor Network and the JOROA Visualization Module.

- Vessel Detection Service (VDS)

The Vessel Detection Service (VDS) will be activated in support of maritime surveillance activities. For the correct implementation and exploitation of the service, the Host Member State will ensure that each VDS detection is verified by coordinating the adequate follow-up actions. The outcomes of each detection and any follow-up actions will be reported to Frontex, via the daily package.

Additional financial resources will be allocated to ensure that aerial assets or, if not possible, other assets, are fully employed to verify the objects of interest detected at sea during VDS-related activities.

The effectiveness of VDS encompasses appropriate use of deployed resources to ensure the verification of the objects of interest detected at sea.

VDS Operational Activities - Actors and Responsibilities
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- NCC (Ministry of Interior):
  - Identification of the VDS areas of acquisition and execution of the operational activities;
- CC (Guardia di Finanza):
  - Watchful utilization of data from VDS areas of acquisition;
- JDU/JO EPN Triton 2015 Operational Team:
  - Identification and validation of the VDS areas of acquisition, in cooperation with all relevant partners;
  - Monitoring the implementation of the VDS within the framework of the JO and following up each detection with the FSC Service Manager;
- Frontex Situation Centre/FSC Service Manager:
  - Allocation of VDS resources;
    - Identification and validation of the VDS areas of acquisition, in cooperation with all relevant partners;
    - Approval of the validated areas of acquisition for further processing with ENSA;
  - Overall coordination and supervision of the acquisitions;
- Risk Analysis Unit:
  - Use the data derived from the implementation of the VDS for risk analysis and integrate them in the regular analytical output for the joint operation;

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

More information on FFS is provided in the General Annex.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

5.1. Period of implementation

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<td>Commencement</td>
<td>1 February 2015</td>
<td>00:00 (local time)</td>
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<td>Reinforcement</td>
<td>27 April 2015</td>
<td>00:00 (local time)</td>
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<td>Termination</td>
<td>31 December 2015</td>
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5.2. Additional information

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<td>Travel days</td>
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<td>Operational briefing</td>
<td>Operational briefings for participants will be performed during the first days of deployment (see chapters 5.5)</td>
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<td>Operational debriefing</td>
<td>If and when possible, debriefing for participants will be performed during the last days of deployment (see chapters 5.5)</td>
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3 Foreseeable duration of the joint operation as indicated in the Article 3a (1) (b) of the Frontex Regulation.
5.3. Operational areas

The operational area should be covered based on the latest intelligence and activities on scene should be adapted to the local circumstances and operational needs.

Map and detailed information of the Operational Areas in the Specific Annex 4.

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<th>Host MS</th>
<th>Italy</th>
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<td>Home MS</td>
<td>Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, Slovenia, Spain, United Kingdom</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Third countries</td>
<td>Albania, Turkey and Egypt (to be confirmed)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Union agencies and bodies</td>
<td>EASO, EFCA, ENSA, EUROPOL, FRA, EEAS/CSDP Mission “EUBAM LYB” and EUROJUST</td>
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<td>International organisations</td>
<td>UNHCR and IOM</td>
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Detailed information regarding the deployed resources in the Specific Annex 5.

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 national authorities of host MS.

* Geographical area of the joint operation as indicated in Article 3a (1) (c) of the Frontex Regulation
The detailed information regarding operational briefing and debriefing is provided in the Specific Annex 6.
The standard agenda of operational briefing and debriefing is available in the General Annex.

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

6.1. Cooperation with other Union agencies and bodies

During the joint operation the cooperation with European Asylum Support Office (EASO), European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA), European Maritime Safety Agency (EASMA), European Police Office (EUROJUST), Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), European External Action Service (EEAS)/Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Mission “EUROMED LIB” and European Union Judicial Cooperation Unit (EUROJUST) will be established.

6.2. Cooperation with international organizations

During the joint operation the cooperation with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and International Organisation for Migration (IOM) will be established.

More detailed information about cooperation with other Union agencies and bodies or international organisations within maritime domain is provided in the Specific Annex 8.

6.3. Cooperation with third countries

In the framework of the existing working arrangements between Frontex and the competent authorities of Third Countries and pursuant to Article 11 of the Frontex Regulation, Frontex may invite border guard/police officers to be deployed as observers in the NCC, ICC and MINURC upon agreement of the Italian authorities.
The observers will receive appropriate operational briefing and debriefing delivered by Frontex.

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

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 Ministry of Interior, as National authority in charge for the coordination of the Italian Polizia di Stato, Guardia di Finanza, Guardia Costiera, Arma dei Carabinieri and Marina Militare, is the direct partner of Frontex and responsible for all border related activities within the joint operation EPN Triton 2015. The mentioned national law enforcement authorities are directly responsible for their operational implementation within the mentioned coordination.

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

- National Coordination Centre (NCC) - HCC Rome
- International Coordination Centre (ICC) - ICC Rome
- ICC Coordinator - Officer of Italian Guardia di Finanza (GdF)
- Joint Coordinating Board (JCB) - ICC Coordinator, IO, NO, FOC, etc.
- National Official (NO) - Officers of home MS deploying maritime and aerial assets
- Intelligence Officer (IO) - Officer of Italian Polizia di Stato (PdS)
- Guest Officers and Officers of the host MS
- Commanding Officer (CO) - Commander of assets
- JDT Team leaders - Officers of PdS
- Cultural Mediators - Ministry of Interior of Italy
- Local Coordination Centre (LCC) - LCCs Lampedusa, Messina and Taranto
- LCC Coordinator - Officer of Italian Guardia di Finanza (GdF)
- Guardia Costiera Liaison Officer (LO) - Officer of Italian Guardia Costiera (GC)
- Navy Liaison Officer (LO) - Officer of Italian Navy (Marina Militare)
- Liaison Officer (LO) - Officer of Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG)
- Liaison Officer for Technical Equipment (LO/TE) - Officer of Italian Guardia di Finanza (GdF)
- Local staff of the host MS

7.2.2. Frontex

- Frontex Coordinating Officer (FCO)
- Operational Manager (OM) and Operational Team (OT)
- Operational Analyst (OA)
- Frontex Operational Coordinator (FOC)
- Frontex Support Officer (FSO)
- Special Adviser for Debriefing Activities
- Field Press Officer (FPO)
- Operational Frontex Regional Team (OFRT)
- Frontex Liaison Office (Piraeus) (FLO)
- Frontex Situation Centre (FSC)
  - Senior Duty Officer (SDO)
  - Frontex Support Officer (FSO FSC)
  - FOSS Service Managers
  - Service Managers, Eurosur Fusion Services
- Training Unit (TRU)
- Pooled Resources Unit (PRU)
- Seconded Guest Officers (SGO)

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

Description of the tasks and specific instructions to guest officers and other participants (Rules of engagement) are defined in the Specific Annex 3 and 13.
8. COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATION AND REPORTING

8.1. Command and control

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

In case of requested support from a competent Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) during a SAR event, the coordination of the participating unit is transferred from the ICC to the RCC.

NOs are under the command and control of the respective home MS.

Commissioning Officers (CO) are the Commanders of assets according to their national legislation.

Command and control of GO, 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 the General Annex.

Command and control scheme is defined in the 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 the 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.

Information about this Frontex Joint Operation (i.e. all operational documents) will be accessible via FOSS.

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

Contact details of participants can be found in the 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. However, guest officers are allowed to talk to the media only within the limits set by specific guidelines for the participating officers.

A network of press offices of all involved authorities will be established and all contact details shall be sent to the press@frontex.europa.eu address. A compiled list will be distributed to all parties involved.
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The communication strategy on the Border Control Operational Actions on the territory of the Italian Republic is common for Frontex and the host MS.

Frontex and Italy shall nominate Dedicated Press Officers (DPO) who will be entirely responsible for coordination of all matters related to interview requests, press visits to the operational area and any other press-related matter related to JO EPN Triton 2015 in general, as well as on the ground. They will work closely with the ICC Coordinators.

Press visits to the JO EPN Triton 2015 will be organised by Frontex and, depending on the area of interest, by the Italian authorities accordingly.

Frontex Information and Transparency Unit may arrange, upon agreement with the Ministry of Interior the deployment of a guest officer (GO) with the profile of field press officer. Supporting field press officers deployed to the operational area will be part of OFRT.

Frontex communication policy, rules and guidelines for handling media requests are included in the General Annex.
The contact details of Frontex press office members (Spokes Person and Press Officer) and dedicated press officers of national authority of the host country are indicated in the Specific Annex 11.
Description of the tasks of the Field Press Officer are defined in the annex 13.

8.4. Reporting

The examples of templates of all reports are provided in the General Annex. The templates in Word format are stored in 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 the General Annex.
The list of JORA actors, the incidents reporting structure and JORA incident template attributes list are described in the Specific Annex 10.
The JORA Guidelines are available in FOSS.

8.4.2 Reports of participants

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<tr>
<td>DAILY REPORTING PACKAGE</td>
<td>Operational overview on a daily basis, covering the last 24 hours (00-24:00)</td>
<td>ICC</td>
<td>Shall be sent via email to <a href="mailto:icc.rome@frontex.eu">icc.rome@frontex.eu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Standard Patrolling Schedule</td>
<td>Register of activities performed by the deployed assets</td>
<td>ICC</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Team Leader’s Daily Report</td>
<td>Joint Debriefing Teams (JDT) activities on a daily basis</td>
<td>Team Leader (TL)</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Team Leaders - Landing Report</td>
<td>Joint Debriefing Teams (JDT) activities upon landings</td>
<td>TL / Debriefing experts</td>
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8.4.3 Daily reporting package

The Daily reporting 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 Reporting Package on a daily basis before 13.00 CET to Frontex (Operational Team) and FSC and shall be sent to the National Briefers provided to participants of the JD.

8.4.4 Serious incident reporting

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<td>Serious Incident Report</td>
<td>A Serious Incident Report is an alert message that shall be reported immediately (within 2 hours after recognition) to FSC and the host MS’ authorities in case an incident, natural or caused by human action, occurs which may affect, or be relevant to a particular Frontex activity, the safety and security of participants in Frontex activities, the Agency’s mission and reputation, or any combination thereof, having special regard to any allegation of violation of Fundamental Rights.</td>
<td>All participants of the JD</td>
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Serious Incidents Catalogue is available in the General Annex.
8.4.5 Frontex reports

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<td>FCO report</td>
<td>Feedback on performed activities in the area</td>
<td>FCO</td>
<td>Shall be sent to Frontex via emails</td>
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<td>FOC Daily Report</td>
<td>Overview of the operational activities related to the 24 hour period of the preceding day - to be sent until 13:00 CET</td>
<td>FOC</td>
<td>Shall be sent to Frontex via emails</td>
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<tr>
<td>OFRT Report</td>
<td>Feedback on the activities developed on the spot Specific information and intelligence collected</td>
<td>OFRT</td>
<td>Shall be sent to Frontex via emails</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FSO Daily / Flash Report</td>
<td>Overview of the operational activities related to the 24-hour period of the preceding day - to be sent until 11:00 CET if it is Daily Report and to be sent immediately if it is Flash Report</td>
<td>FSO</td>
<td>Shall be sent to Frontex via emails</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weekly/Bi-weekly Analytical Report/Update (WAR/WAU)</td>
<td>Analytical assessment of the factors impacting the situation in the operational area.</td>
<td>OA</td>
<td>WAR/Bi-WAR shall be sent by FSC to the following email addresses:</td>
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8.4.6 Document alert and Reference Manual

The officers are requested to compile the Reference Manual Alert Form each time a relevant document forgery is detected. This compiled alert shall be inserted in the daily report package and later integrate the Reference Manual if the relevance will justify it.

9. ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS 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 the 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.

Joint Debriefing Teams (JDT) will be deployed in the operational area preferably in the landing/disembarkation area to ensure effectiveness of the activity and adequate support to host MS authorities. Each team will be composed of a Team Leader (nominated by the respective national authority of the Host MS), one or two Debriefing Experts from home MS and one or two Cultural Mediator.

Frontex and Italy, in agreement with the participating MS, will deploy, if deemed necessary and useful to collect immediately information, debriefing teams on board selected surface units that will increase the situational awareness and support the identification of facilitators.

Screening Teams will be deployed in the landing/disembarkation areas to support local authorities ensuring the effectiveness of the activities and adequate support to host MS authorities. Each team will be composed by a Team Leader (nominated by the respective national authority of the Host MS), one or two Screening Experts from Home MS and one or two Cultural Mediator.

In order to ensure the flexibility of the debriefing and screening activities, Screening and Joint Debriefing Teams can be redeployed from one location to another based on the operational needs.

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 Open Sea Patrol Vessels (OPV), Coastal Patrol Vessels (CPV), Coastal Patrol Boats (CPB), Helicopters (HELO), Fixed Wing Airplanes (FWA) and any other type of equipment agreed and confirmed by Frontex and the MS.

MS should deploy appropriate number of air crews, in order to fulfil the agreed patrolling hours.

9.1.4. Working environment and conditions for the deployed resources

The host MS’ authorities provide proper working conditions and logistical arrangements aiming to ensure effective work and constant close collaboration of the expert teams with the local authorities as well as adequate working environment for experts and technical equipment.

9.1.5. 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 the General Annex.
The detailed overview of deployed resources is available in the 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 the Specific Annex 3.

9.2. Tests and trials
EPN Triton 2015 will serve as a platform for implementation of other Frontex coordinated activities, such as EPN Staff Exchange, Frontex Compatible Operational Image, Frontex Positioning System and Europol Fusion Services after consultation and approval by the host MS.

More information on other Frontex products and services is available in the General Annex.

9.3. 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 by the participants themselves.

Frontex (Operational team) will not make any bookings or reservations of the flights, accommodation, etc.

Information regarding accommodation can be found in the Specific Annex 12

9.4. Field visits
Prior to deployment of aerial and maritime 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 ICC Coordinator in advance.

The OFRT, FSO, LCC Coordinator or the LO/TE will support the field visits in accordance with the ICC and Frontex instructions.

Field visit delegation of two persons will be reimbursed by Frontex.

9.5. Logistics

9.5.1. Heavy equipment, firearms and ammunition
The crews from home MS should respect the procedures related to the transportation of firearms and ammunitions foreseen in the respective Annex and submit relevant requests in time in order not to jeopardise the timely start of the mission.

Debriefing and screening experts shall not (are not allowed to) bring and carry any kind of service weapons (gun, truncheon, handcuffs, pepper spray).

9.5.2. Change of crew
Before executing the change of crew of asset deployed, the home MS shall inform Operational Team in due time in order to ensure delivery of the operational briefing / debriefing for the crewmembers.
9.5.3. Diplomatic clearance

The Home MS deploying aerial and maritime assets should make all necessary arrangements in advance to obtain the diplomatic clearance to allow the state aircraft and/or government vessels operated for non-commercial purposes to enter the territory and have access to the airports/ports of Host MS.

It is also suggested that Home MS deploying aerial assets request the needed diplomatic clearances to enter air space of neighbouring MS (Malta and Greece).

For logistical issues, Home MS deploying surface assets may request the needed diplomatic clearances to enter the territorial waters and have access to the Maltese Ports.

The Home MS should respect the time needed for issuance of diplomatic 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.

9.6. EPN Yellow Pages

To facilitate organisational arrangements and logistics related to the deployment of resources, the information about the host MS and operational areas of joint maritime operations - EPN Yellow Pages - is available on Sea Borders website on FOSS: https://FOSS.frontex.europa.eu/OperationalActivities/SeaBorderSector/EPNYellowPages/tabid/1100/Default.aspx

More information about EPN Yellow Pages is provided in the General Annex.

10. EVALUATION

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

10.2. Frontex
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### 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 the General Annex.*
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