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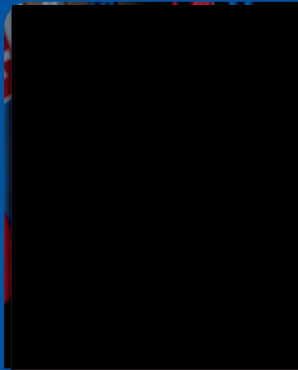


INTERNATIONAL BORDER POLICE CONFERENCE



29 – 30 OCTOBER 2019
SHERATON GRAND WARSAW HOTEL
WARSAW, POLAND

WELCOME



It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 24th International Border Police Conference.

The conference is rooted in many years of tradition. This year marks the fourth edition since Frontex took over the organisation of this global event from the Hungarian authorities.

Two years ago, we welcomed you for the first time as the newly established European Border and Coast Guard Agency. Since then, the Agency has experienced further change and growth.

Through the extension of its mandate and increase in resources, Frontex has been transformed into the operational arm of the EU in the area of border management. It also increasingly plays a stronger and more proactive role in working with countries outside the EU at the technical and operational level. Internal and external security are interdependent and our shared borders are safer when we work together with our international partners.

To reflect this, the 24th International Border Police Conference has been significantly built up both in terms of participation and content. 85 countries and 13 institutions and international organisations are in attendance, with the Coast Guard functions represented for the first time. The main theme of the event is cross-border security through preparedness, prevention and response. It is explored closely through keynote addresses and four panel debates at strategic, visionary, as well as operational levels, by a diverse range of distinguished speakers.


In keeping with tradition, we have designed the conference as a platform for exchanges in areas of common interest for the global border and coast guard community, as well as to provide opportunities for bilateral and multilateral meetings. You are also warmly invited to attend the two side events we have prepared and to visit the Frontex Corner, situated next to the main meeting room, to learn more about the Agency and the many changes ahead of us.

I hope that you will enjoy this unique event, and that it will facilitate the forging of new connections and the strengthening of partnerships within the global border and coast guard community.

Thank you for your participation in the 24th International Border Police Conference and I welcome you to Warsaw.



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE



The International Border Police Conference brings together chief executives in charge of border and coast guard authorities from across the world, offering a unique platform to discuss operational issues of common interest, facilitate cooperation and to contribute to enhancing global interoperability.

Themes

The overarching theme for IBPC 2019 is **Cross-border security through preparedness, prevention and response.**

Cross-border security requires that the global community of border management authorities is prepared to prevent crises and to respond to diverse situations related to the movement of people and goods across borders. Protection against threats to states and to individuals in an interconnected world necessitates that countries work together, share information and "speak the same language". It requires preventing challenging situations from occurring, and a quick and adequate response to those that nonetheless do arise, thereby limiting their impact and fulfilling our obligation to ensure cross-border security, while guaranteeing respect for human rights.

How is preparedness to prevent and to respond achieved globally? In short, it is about having people who know what to do and how to do it, having the necessary technical and financial means, and enjoying effective cooperation within and across borders.

The conference will explore these themes through a bird's-eye view and provide a trusted forum for the exchange of ideas on these areas of common interest and the shared challenges, and a fertile ground for facilitated collaboration.

The topics for the four plenary sessions, selected to reflect the main challenges in the field of border management, are as follows:

- Border management: How do we strike the right balance between facilitation and security?
- Multipurpose maritime activities as a means to tackle crime and multiple challenges: How do we combine capabilities?
- Border management beyond borders: How can innovation and technology support it?
- Strategic planning for response capacity at the borders: How do we manage resources and change?

Participants

The event brings together around 250 external participants, representing the international border and coast guard community from over 85 countries. Additionally, international organisations, EU institutions and agencies contribute as high-level speakers and panellists.

Format

The conference is dynamic and interactive, combining **keynote addresses**, **introductory speeches** and **plenary discussions** on issues of strategic interest to all, with dedicated time slots for **bilateral and multilateral talks** in a trusted environment. Two **side-events** on Travel Document and Identity Fraud and the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) are held and additionally, a **Frontex corner** will be open to provide participants with information on the Agency.



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24TH INTERNATIONAL BORDER POLICE CONFERENCE (IBPC) 2019

Cross-border security through preparedness, prevention
and response

29–30 October 2019
Sheraton Grand Warsaw Hotel
Warsaw, Poland

Monday, 28 October 2019

19.00 – 21.00 Welcoming drinks at Sheraton Grand Warsaw Hotel

Tuesday, 29 October 2019

08.30 – 09.30 Registration and welcome coffee

Opening

Conference moderator:

[REDACTED]

09.30 – 10.00 Opening: Cross-border security through preparedness,
prevention and response

[REDACTED]

10.00 – 11.00 Keynote addresses:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Discussion with the audience

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break (Frontex Corner open)

11.30 - 13.00 Panel debate and plenary discussion

Theme A

Border management: How do we strike the right balance between facilitation and security?

With the scale of the movement of persons and goods globally having surged, border management authorities increasingly find themselves faced with what appears to be a choice between facilitation and security. The session will look at how the legitimate right and interest of states to protect national security and to fight crime can be successfully exercised while at the same time encouraging and enabling the mobility of bona fide travellers and trade. How do we strike the right balance and ensure that borders connect, while remaining safe? More broadly, what is the purpose of border management, and how do we achieve it?

Introductory speech:

[Redacted]

Panellists:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch and side events on (Frontex Corner open):
Travel Document and Identity Fraud
European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS)



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14.30 - 16.00 Panel debate and plenary discussion

Theme B

Multipurpose maritime activities as a means to tackle crime and multiple challenges: How do we combine capabilities?

In today's world, where crime travels across borders and often consists of multiple law-breaking elements, the global community of border management authorities is rendered interdependent. Protection against multiple challenges requires that we share information and combine our capabilities, in particular, when implementing coast guard functions. In short, we are more effective when we work together. The session will look at what it takes to successfully conduct multipurpose operational activities to fight cross-border crime; it will also showcase examples of relevant initiatives, in particular, at sea. What can be further done to facilitate connectedness and interoperability within the global community of border and coast guard authorities, and how can interdependence be turned into a combined strength?

Introductory speech:

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Panellists:


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- 16.00 - 18.00 Coffee break (Frontex Corner open) and time for bilateral meetings, regional discussions and side events on:
Travel Document and Identity Fraud
European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS)
- 19.00 - 22.00 Official IBPC dinner (with family picture taken at the beginning)

Wednesday, 30 October 2019

- 09.30 - 10.00 Opening: Integrated Border Management – a look into the future
[Redacted]

- 10.00 - 10.30 Keynote address:
[Redacted]

Discussion with the audience

- 10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break (Frontex Corner open)


- 11.00 - 12.30 Panel debate and plenary discussion

Theme C

Border management beyond borders: How can innovation and technology support it?

The panel will explore innovative approaches and cutting-edge technology relevant for migration management before, at and after borders, and on how those can support the authorities in ensuring border security.

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In doing so, the panel will look at cross-border systems and solutions, including those dealing with travel authorisation and Advance Information, which aim to reduce the time that is spent by both the bona fide traveller and the border guard authorities in document checks, enabling the latter to direct their efforts towards high-risk passengers. It will also explore synergies in the development and sharing of common situational awareness as well as solutions with the potential to support the move from a reactive migration management model to a more pro-active one. Do the existing systems cater for the present and also anticipated needs? How can technology and innovation enable us to work smarter without having to work harder? Is "new" always more effective than the "tried" and "time-tested"?

Introductory speech:

[Redacted]

Panellists:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

12.30 - 14.00

Lunch and side events on (Frontex Corner open):

Travel Document and Identity Fraud

European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS)

14.00 - 15.30 Panel debate and plenary discussions

Theme D

**Strategic planning for response capacity at the borders:
How do we manage resources and change?**

The capacity to prevent and respond to situations at the border is built through strategic planning and actions, which strengthen preparedness. This session will look at how the global community of border and coast guard authorities ensures the sustainability of short-, medium- and long-term capability and investment planning programs, including aspects related to personnel, training, science, technology, safety and the acquisition of equipment while maintaining the required operational presence. It will also explore how the services handle massive growth and serious down-sizing. In the context of the current discussions related to the establishment of the European standing corps, what lessons can be learnt from the past experiences of other countries and regions? How is change managed, and how can we become better at it, globally and as a community?

Introductory speech:

[Redacted]

Panellists:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

15.30 - 16.00 Closing remarks

[Redacted]



SIDE EVENTS

In addition to the main programme, we invite you to two **side-events** on the following themes: **The European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS)** and **Travel Document and Identity Fraud**.

A **Frontex corner**, where you will be able to learn more about the Agency and future developments related to its new mandate, will be open throughout coffee breaks and lunch.

Travel Document and Identity Fraud

Centre of Excellence for Combatting Document Fraud, Frontex

The side event will invite participants for a practical demonstration of the Reference Manual – the **Frontex Reference Document Library and Forgery Kit**, biometric checks with the help of a document reader and other practical tools used during document checks at the external borders of the EU. It will also provide an opportunity to learn more about the mission and tasks of the Frontex Center of Excellence for Combatting Document fraud.

Capitalizing on the **Agency's expertise in identity and travel document fraud**, the Centre pursues operational excellence for the benefit of border and coast guard, and other law enforcement bodies. It functions as the **primary entity for supporting operational response and the coordination of field activities combatting document fraud**, providing close to **real-time assistance and developing existing and new products and services** to satisfy operational needs.



SIDE EVENTS



The European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS)

What is ETIAS? Will your country be affected by ETIAS? When will the system be in place and who is managing it? How can you apply for ETIAS and how much would it cost you? For how long will your authorisation be valid?

Those and other questions will be answered during the session on the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) that is currently being developed by the European Commission, Member States and three EU agencies: eu-LISA, Europol and Frontex.

During the session, you will also **learn more about the processing of the applications**, as well as the **rights and obligations of travellers and carriers**.

The session will be interactive and you will have an opportunity to ask any ETIAS-related question you may have.

EVENING PROGRAMME

All participants are cordially invited to the welcoming drinks and official dinner offered.

Please note that your conference badge will serve as an entry card to both venues.

Monday 28th October

Welcoming drinks

Time:
19.00 - 21.00

Venue:
Sheraton hotel

Dress code:
Smart casual



Tuesday 29th October

Official IBPC dinner

Time:
19.00 - 22.00

Venue:
Restaurant AleGloria

Dress code:
Uniform / business



PRACTICAL DETAILS

Information and registration desk

The **information and registration desk** at the conference venue (Sheraton Grand Warsaw Hotel) can help you with any general queries about the conference, transportation matters and checking schedules.

Please also do not hesitate to refer to your assigned Liaison Officer as well as any other Frontex staff member at the event - we will be wearing red tags on the badges and will be happy to help.

Liaison Officers

A team of Liaison Officers will be available to welcome and guide you through the event. Kindly refer to the information and registration desk colleagues, who will connect you with the Liaison Officer assigned to your delegation.

Rooms for bilateral meetings

The conference is designed as an **opportunity for networking and bilateral and multilateral exchanges**. We have therefore reserved a number of rooms for side meetings. You can book a room for a specific timeslot through your assigned Liaison Officer or at the conference information and registration desk.

Conference languages

Simultaneous interpretation will be offered on October 29-30 from/to English and the following languages: English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Russian, Spanish, Turkish, Persian and Portuguese.

Other information

Transportation will be provided for all guests from/to the airport. Your individual details on transportation from the hotel to the airport, in line with your flight schedule will be available for consultation at a kiosk situated next to the information and registration desk. To access information on arrangements made for you individually, please use your first name and surname to check in the kiosk.

Dress code for the conference: we encourage you to wear uniform/business attire.

Health & Security: Please wear **your badge** at all times. In case of emergency, 112 is an all-service number in Poland.

