

FRONTEX CONSULTATIVE FORUM ON FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Article 70 (5) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation ‘...the Consultative Forum shall have effective access to all information concerning respect for fundamental rights.’¹

CONSULTATIVE FORUM REQUEST

Requestor: Consultative Forum

Date of the request: 01/02/2018

Subject of the request: Operational Plan JO Themis

Justification of the request: According to Article 70(1) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation the Consultative Forum is mandated to assist the Executive Director and the Management Board with independent advice on fundamental rights matters. In addition, the CF priorities for 2018 include the support to the Agency in the implementation of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation. In particular, CF Program of Work 2018 foresees the role of the Forum in supporting the enhancement of fundamental rights in Frontex operations, including advice on the development and further implementation of operational guidelines or handbooks. (See Priorities A and C: http://frontex.europa.eu/assets/Partners/Consultative_Forum_files/Consultative_Forum_Program_of_Work_2018.pdf). In addition, the requested document will enable the Forum to look at the application of Regulation 656/2014 establishing the rules for the surveillance of the external sea borders in the context of operational cooperation coordinated by Frontex in the specific context of JO Themis.

With this request, the Consultative Forum seeks to obtain the abovementioned operational plan to enable the members to effectively fulfil its duties as per Program of Work and, generally, its role in assisting the Frontex Executive Director and Management Board in fundamental rights matters as per Article 70(1) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 2016/1624 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 on the European Border and Coast Guard, available at http://frontex.europa.eu/assets/Legal_basis/European_Border_and_Coast_Guard.pdf

FRONTEX RESPONSE

Date of registration:	01/02/2018
Date of Frontex response:	15.03.2018
Response submitted/approved/handled by:	CAB
Frontex response:	<p>Information provided:</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Partially (please specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
If information is not provided or is provided partially, please outline the reasons/justification:	<p>The requested information is partially provided. Some information is considered sensitive information. It is, thus, pursuant to Article 2(b) of the MB decision 3/2017 of 9 February 2017, subject to the principles laid down in Commission rules on security, in particular the principle of the need-to-know.</p> <p>Following this principle and bearing in mind the mandate of the Consultative Forum members, it is provided information related to matters concerning respect for fundamental rights.</p>
List of attached documents (if any)	Information from OPLAN Themis 2018 main part and annexes