



About Frontex

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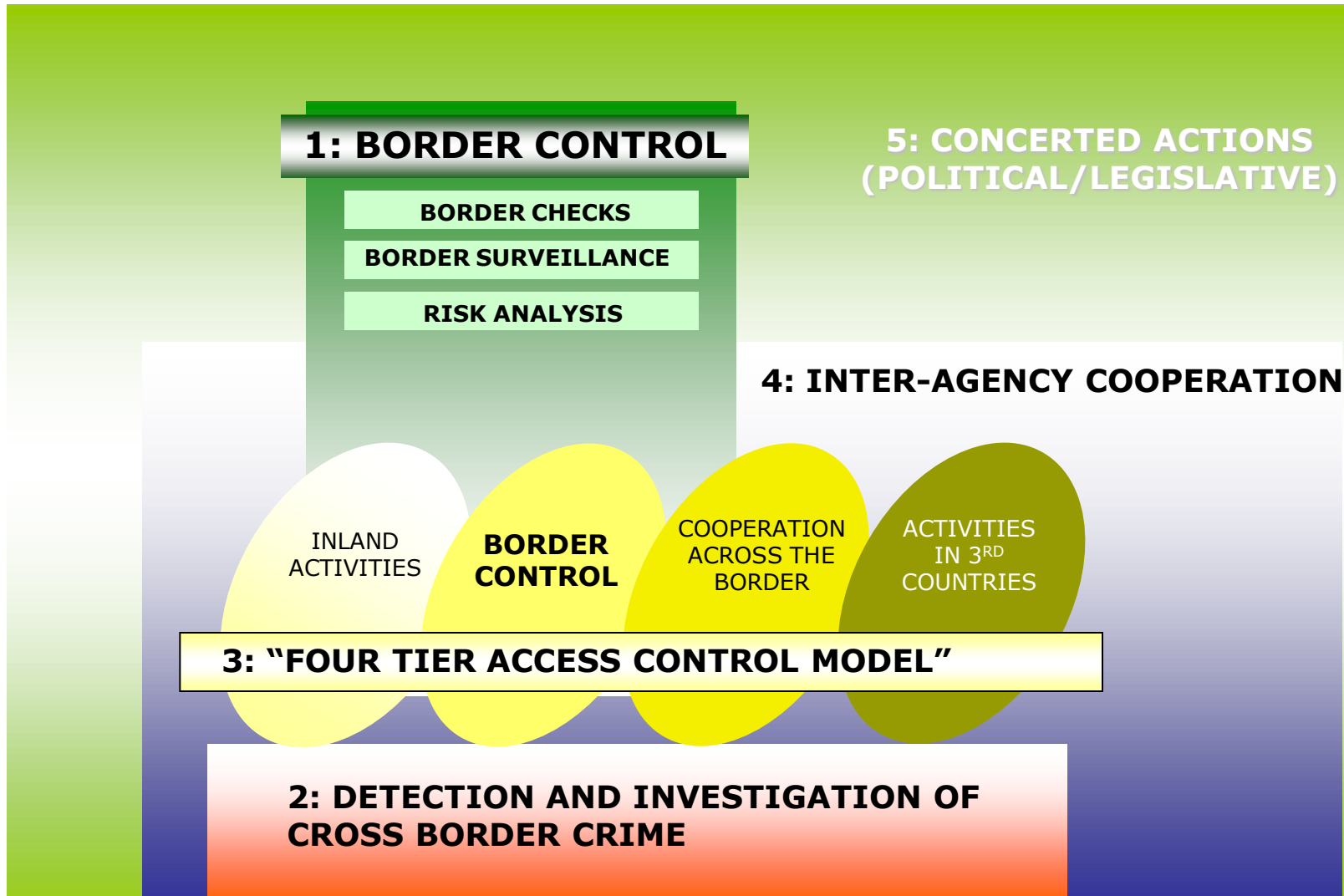
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EU Integrated Border Management







27 Member States

3 Schengen Associated Countries

11 500 km external land borders
44 000 km external sea borders
597 airports with extra-Schengen flights

Passenger flow of **675 million**:
230 million - land
81 million - sea
364 million - air

Irregular migrants:
120 different nationalities

-  Schengen Countries
-  Non Schengen Member States
-  Schengen Candidate Countries
-  Third Countries

**Basic
Facts**

Structure

Frontex

The European Agency for the Management of the Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the MS of the EU

- **ESTABLISHED upon: COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) last amended by REGULATION (EU) of the EP and the COUNCIL No 1168/2011.**
- **OPERATIONAL as of 3 October 2005**
- **Daily Management: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
- **Frontex is governed by the MANAGEMENT BOARD with 27 voting members**
 - 25 "Border Chiefs" of MSs AND 2 EUROPEAN COMMISSION representatives
 - UNITED KINGDOM & IRELAND may participate, no voting right
 - NORWAY, ICELAND, SWITZERLAND: members with limited voting rights
- **Staff: about 300**
- **Seat: Warsaw**



Mission and Tasks

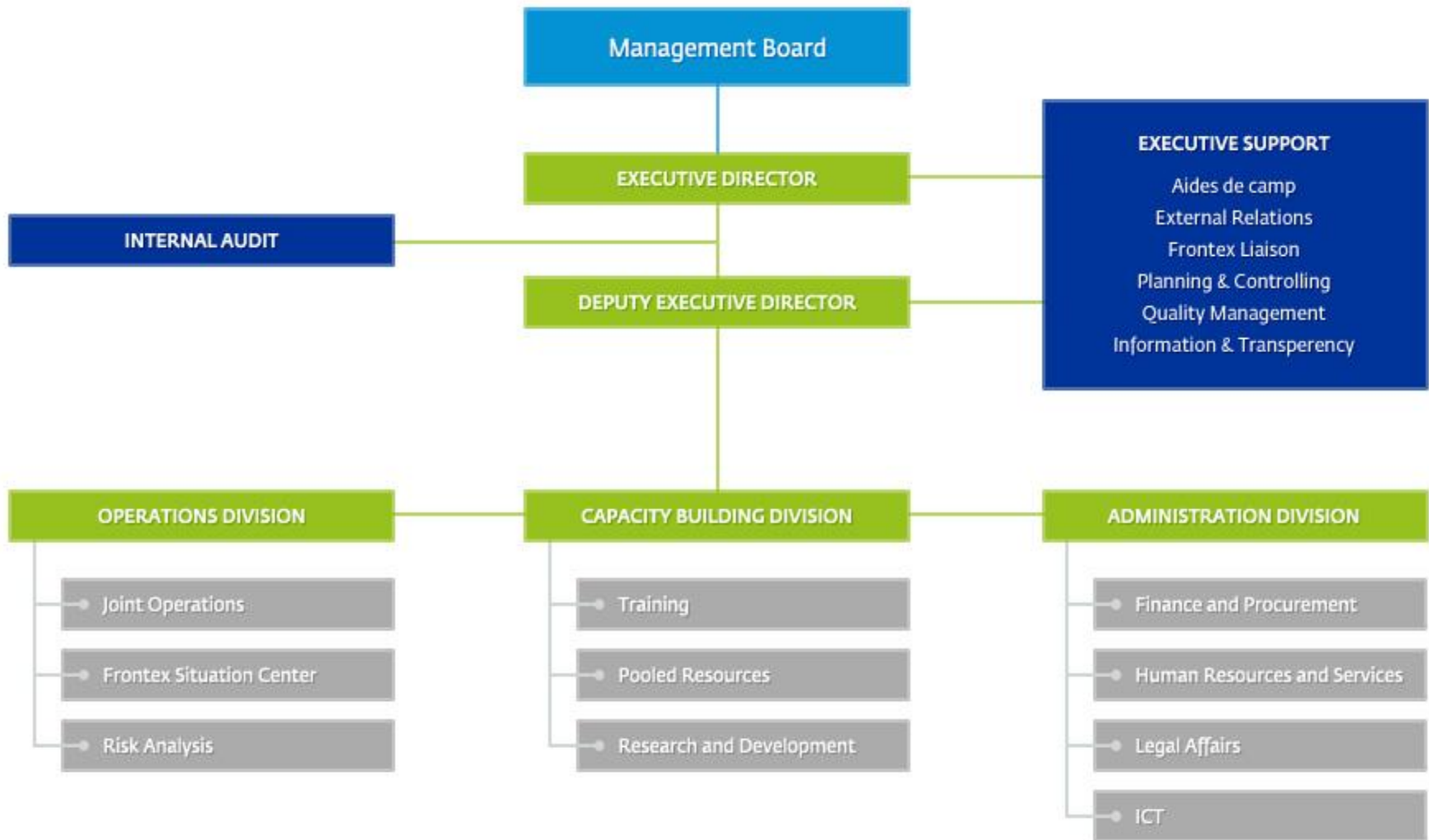
Frontex

- promotes, coordinates and develops the integrated management of the external borders of the EU Member States in compliance with the relevant Union law including the *EU fundamental rights charter*, and international law;
- facilitates and makes more effective the application of EU measures relating to the management of external borders, in particular the *Schengen Borders Code*, by ensuring the coordination of MSs' actions in the implementation of those measures;
- provides the Commission and the MSs with necessary technical support and expertise
- promotes solidarity between Member States

Mission and Tasks - Main areas of activity

- **Joint Operations at the external borders** (sea, land and air) incl. **Return**
- **Training** — developing common training standards and specialist tools
- **Risk Analysis** — Frontex collects and analyses intelligence on the ongoing situation at the external borders
- **Research and development** — bringing together border-control experts and the world of research and industry
- **Technical assistance to MSs and rapid response capability** — pooled resources a) European Border Guard Teams (EBGT) and b) Available equipment
- **Information systems and information sharing environment** — developing and operating systems enabling the exchange of information on emerging risks at the EU external borders, as well as contributing to the development of a European border surveillance system (Eurosur)
- **Cooperation with external partners** — promoting and developing operational cooperation with EU agency/bodies and relevant International Organizations, as well as with Non-EU countries

Frontex Structure



Risk Analysis mission

“To produce appropriate, accurate and timely intelligence products

which provide the foundation for Frontex operational activities, as well as

to keep all principal customers
(the Council and the Commission)

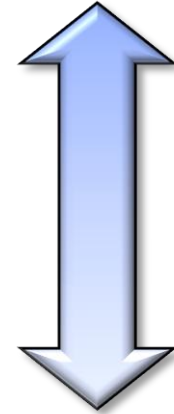
informed of the situation regarding illegal migration at the EU external borders.“

Main Analytical Outputs

Main products

- ARA, SARA
- FRAN Quarterlies
- TRA (Tailored Risk Analyses)
- TFA (Tactical Focussed Assessments)
- Periodical Operational Reports

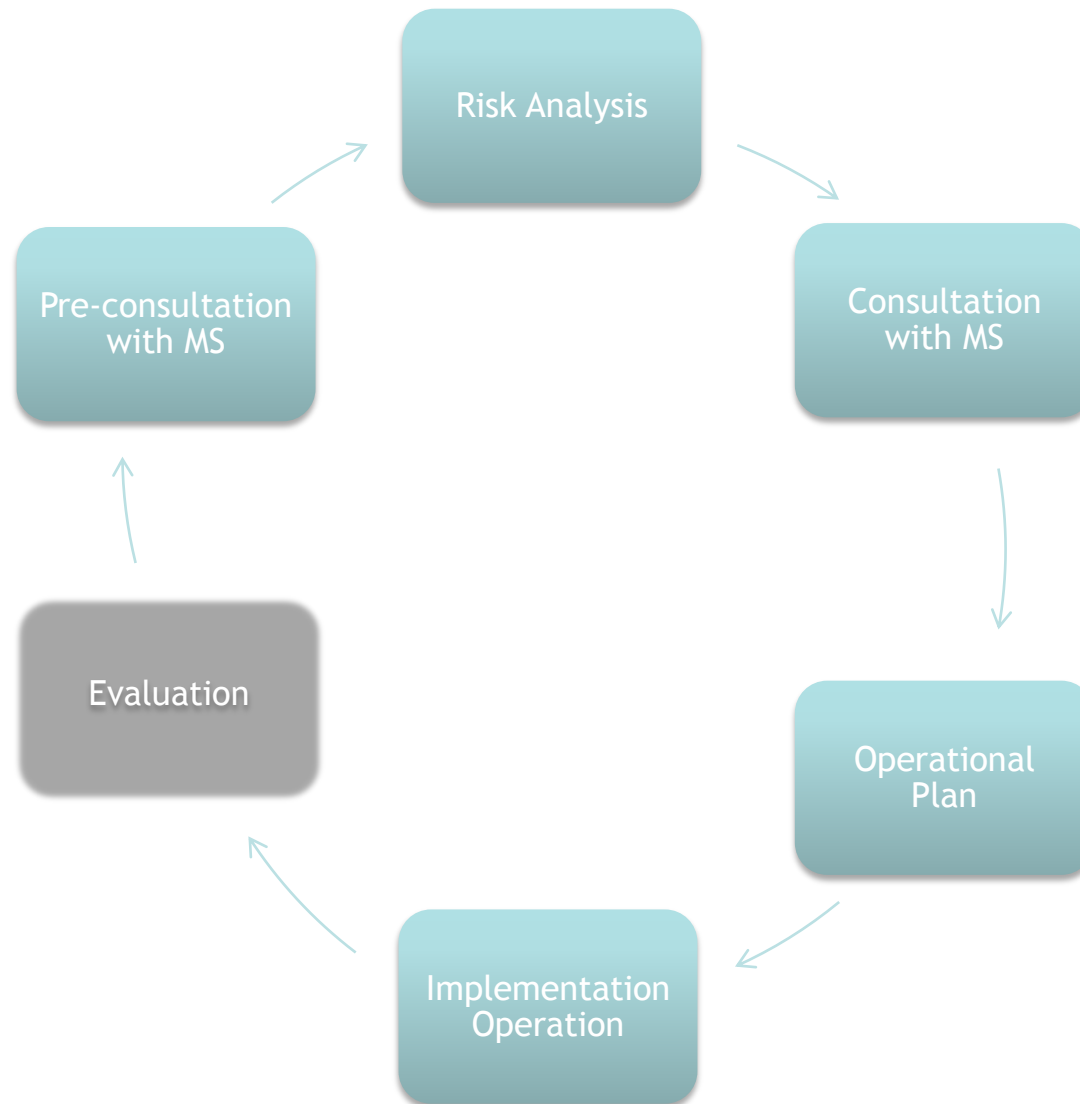
Version For
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Release



Dissemination

- Internal Frontex, Commission, Council, EU bodies (Europol)
- EU MS + Schengen Associated Countries
- Partner non EU Third Countries and International Organisations

Frontex Operational Cycle



Joint Operation Poseidon Sea 2011

General objective:

To prevent unauthorized border crossings, counter cross-border criminality and to take measures against person who have crossed the border illegally.

This is done by carrying out enhanced border surveillance and checks on persons crossing the external borders.

Implementation:

01 April 2011 - 31 March 2012

Host MS:

GR

Participating MSs/SAC:

AT, BE, DE, DK, EE, FI, FR, GR, HU, IS, IT, LT, LV, NL, NO, PL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK

Third countries:

- Establishment of Turkish Coast Guard as National Point of Contact (POC);
- Croatian observer deployed in ICC in October 2011



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Joint Operation Hera (Sea) 2011



General objective:

- To achieve permanent situation awareness of EU external borders
- Establish a permanent regional border security concept
- Ensure the strategic & operational interaction between FX & its stakeholder
- Reach operational cooperation arrangements with relevant 3rd countries

Implementation:

1 Apr - 31 Mar 2012

Host MS:

ES

Participating MSs/SAC:

IC, IT, LU

Third countries:

MO (Morocco) MR (Mauritania), and SN (Senegal)
(under bilateral agreements with ES)

HAMMER 2011, Phase II



Objectives:

Children as potential victims of trafficking, visa abuse and transit without visa concession and to enhance the cooperation with partner organisations

Implementation

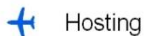
- 5th October – 23 October 2011

Participation:

- NO, FI, EE, LV, DE, PL, CZ, AT, HU, RO, SI, IS
- 19 Participating airports in the operational area
- 30 officers deployed
- UNHCR, IOM, EASO and FRA

Legend

Airports:



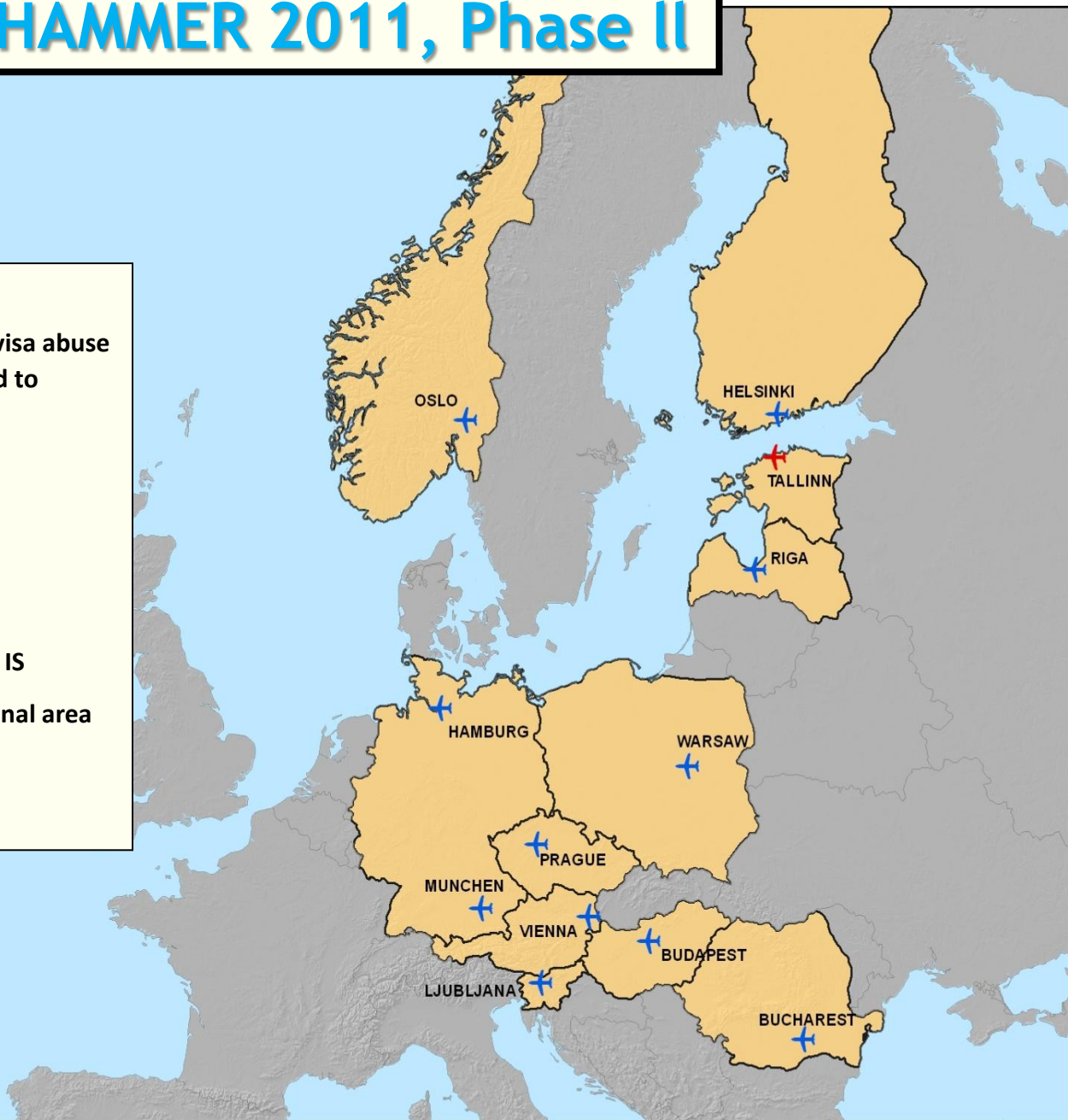
Hosting



Reporting only



Operational Area



TRAINING

Border Guards Career-Path Education

CCC update and implementation in partner countries

Exchange programmes Erasmus style

Joint Degree programmes for bachelor and master studies

Further training and specialisation

Fundamental Rights

Schengen Evaluators

Training for Partner countries

Air & Naval crew training

Detection of stolen vehicles

Dog handlers

Joint returns

EBGT members

False documents

Trafficking in human beings

Interviewing experts

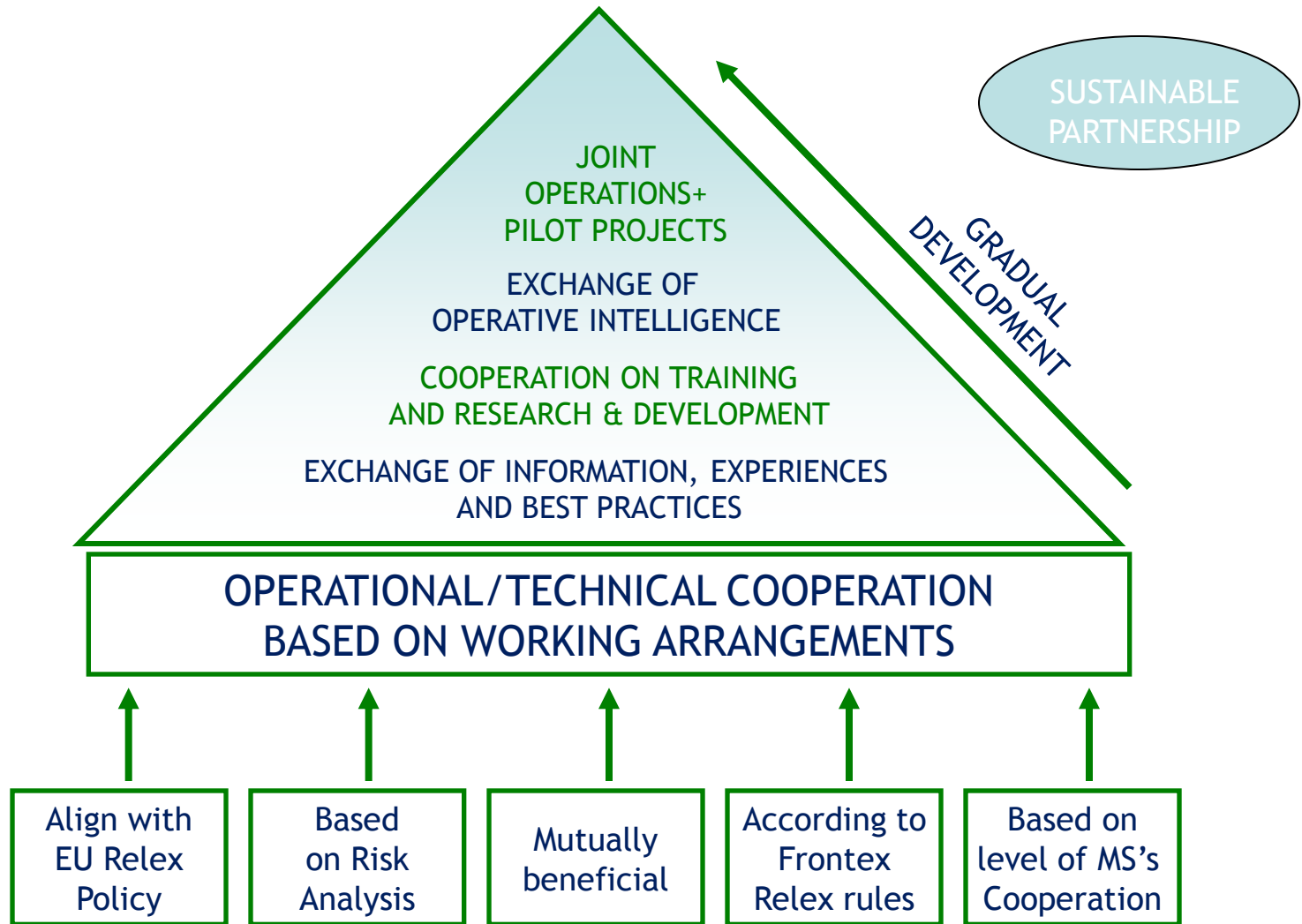
Language training

Legal frame on Frontex external cooperation

:The Council Regulation establishing Frontex stipulates the scope of Frontex External Relations

- Art. 14 Frontex Regulation;
Facilitation of operational cooperation between MS's and **third countries** as well as
Cooperation between Frontex and competent authorities of third countries based on working arrangements.
- Art. 13 Frontex Regulation;
Cooperation with **International Organisations** on activities in and with third countries according to the applicable part of the **working arrangement**.
- Art. 2 (Main tasks) Frontex Regulation/Art.16 Schengen Borders Code

Main Principles on Cooperation with Non EU States



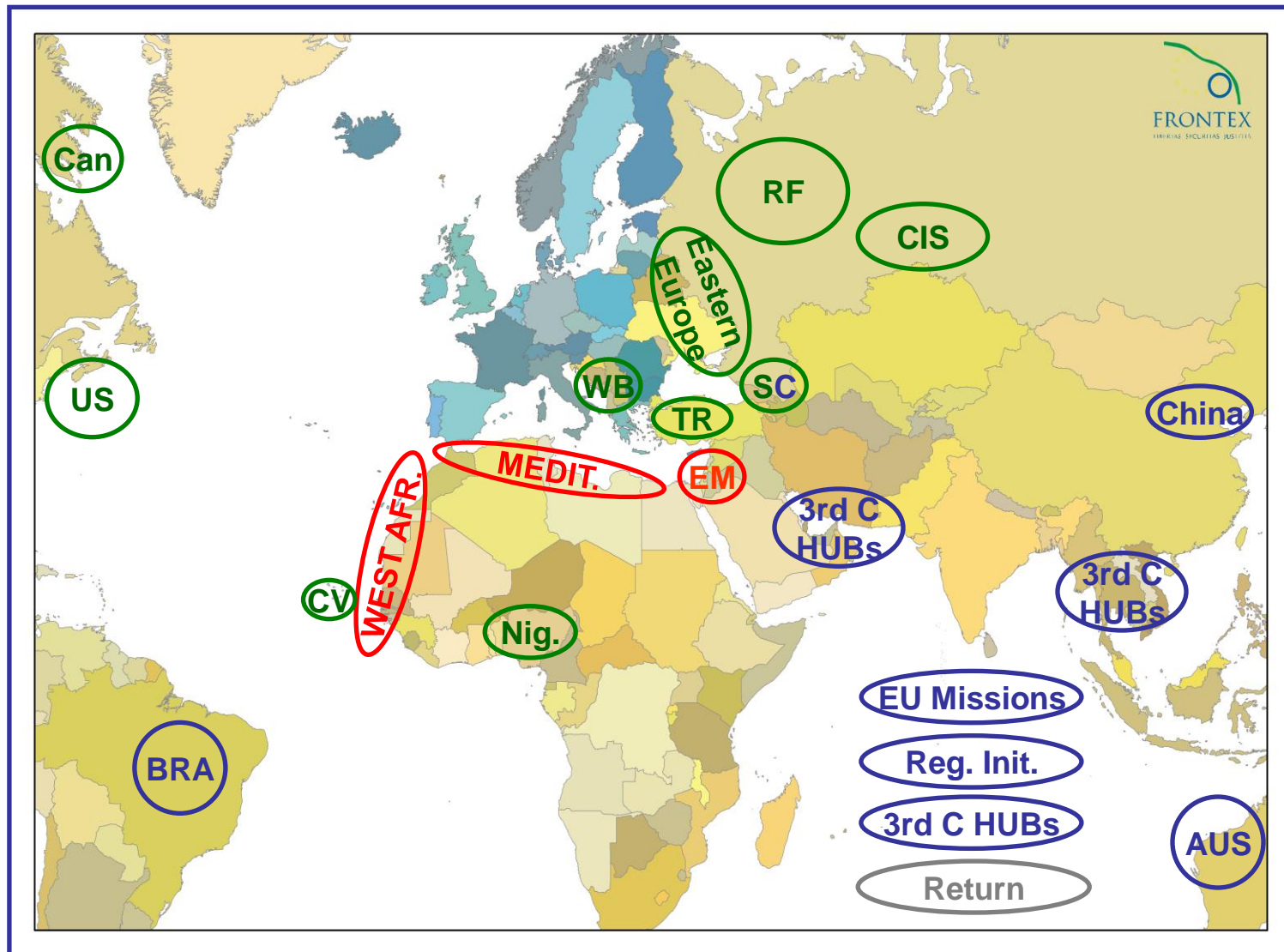
External Cooperation - Priorities

Frontex/RELEX priority + Art 14.1 / Art 13 Cooperation highly recommended.

Frontex focus on Implementation of WA's + CP's. RELEX to develop and update CP's.

In focus of RELEX.

Possible topical RELEX issue or approach.



New Tasks Assigned by the Amended Frontex Regulation (December 2011)

- Personal Data
- Evaluations on vulnerabilities
- European Border Guard Teams
- Own assets
- Capacity Building projects in third countries
- Deployment of Frontex LOs in third countries



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Your Attention*

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