THE FEASIBILITY OF A EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF BORDER GUARDS:
A PRACTITIONERS’ PERSPECTIVE

Warsaw, 28-29 October 2013
Objective

The feasibility of the creation of a European System of Border Guards (ESBG), as indicated in the Stockholm Programme, is closely linked to the debate on the long-term development of Frontex and, as such, will influence its future as an EU Agency. This conference aims to provide input to the debate on the feasibility of a European System of Border Guards by looking, from a practitioner's point of view, at the added value that such a system could bring. By focusing the discussion around different aspects such as the legal framework, the operational challenges, the necessary capacities as well as interagency cooperation – different stakeholders will be able to provide their views on the feasibility of an ESBG, notably which gaps it would fill, and what shape it should take – if any.

Key topics

- Legal perspectives and possibilities under the Treaty of Lisbon for an ESBG.
- Options for enhanced operational coordination and integration of national border control operations.
- A more European approach in the development of national border management capacities.
- Integrated Border Management (IBM) with a focus on new avenues for cooperation with other agencies and bodies that would ensure more efficient cooperation at the EU's external borders.

Speakers

Dr Ferenc Bánfi, Director, CEPOL, Bramshill
Richard Ares Baumgartner, Senior External Relations Officer, Frontex, Warsaw
Vesa Blomqvist, Senior Policy Officer, Finnish Border Guard, Helsinki
Vesalje Campbell, Chief Operating Officer, UK Border Force, London
Dr Philippe de Bruycker, Deputy Director of the Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute, Florence
Emilio De Capitani, former Head of Unit of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) Committee, European Parliament, Brussels
Danny de Temmerman, Policy Officer, Border Management and Schengen Governance/Relations with Frontex Unit, DG Home Affairs, European Commission, Brussels
Director, Capacity Building Division, Frontex, Warsaw
Leszek Elas, Former Commander-in-Chief, Polish Border Guard, Warsaw
Ramin Farinpour, Course Director, European Criminal Law, ERA, Trier
Rafael Fernández-Pita y González, Director General, DG Justice and Home Affairs, Council of the European Union, Brussels
Dr Peter Hobbing, Senior Associate Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels
Ilkka Laitinen, Executive Director, Frontex, Warsaw
Zoran Nićeno*, Deputy Director, Croatian Border Guard, Zagreb
Rosa Maria Preteroti, Head of 2nd Division of Immigration Service, Central Directorate of Immigration and Border Police, Rome
Arto Niemenkari, Deputy Head of Border and Coast Guard Division, Finnish Border Guard, Helsinki
Roderick Parkes, EU Programme Coordinator, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw
Jorrit J. Rijpma, Assistant Professor in Law, University of Leiden
Klaus Roesler, Director of Operations Division, Frontex, Warsaw
Major General Robert Strondl, Head of Police Operations Department, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Vienna
Major Aleksandra Świątecka, Director of the International Relations Office, Polish Border Guard, Warsaw
Unisys, Brussels
Joëlle Vachter*, Deputy Head of Mission, EULEX Kosovo, Pristina
Tomas Žilinskas*, Chair of EU Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security, (COSI), Ministry of the Interior, Vilnius

* invited
## Conference Programme

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09:30  Operations  

Moderator: Robert Strondl

Strategic aspects in the coordination of joint operations
Klaus Roesler

EU policy cycle – impact on operational coordination of external borders
Tomas Žilinskas*

Operational structures, command and control in EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) operations
Joëlle Vachter*

Sea border control operations in situations of mass influx
Rosa Maria Preteroti

09:30  Capacities  

Moderator: Leszek Elas

Key aspects in the building of capacities in the Member States
Director of Capacity Building Division, Frontex

Solidarity in practice: developing capacities in border management
Danny de Temmerman

An EU perspective on law enforcement training
Ferenc Bánfi

Implementation of the IBM action plan: staff, infrastructure and equipment
Zoran Ničeno*

11:00  Coffee break

11:30  Continuation of the panels
Discussion
Q&A

13:00  Lunch break

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

14:30  Panel reports & discussion (plenary)
Rapporteur & Moderators:
- Operations: Robert Strondl
- Capacities: Leszek Elas
- Inter-agency cooperation: Vesa Blomqvist

16:00  Conclusions and the way forward (plenary)
Emilio De Capitani & Peter Hobbing

16:45  Closing remarks (plenary)
Ilkka Laitinen
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