

2024 Evaluation of Frontex Regulation

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On 2 February 2024, the Commission [adopted](#) the [evaluation](#) of Regulation (EU)2019/1896 on the European Border and Coast Guard. It assessed the impact, effectiveness, and efficiency of Frontex together with an [Action Plan](#) to support its implementation.

Overall, the evaluation concludes that Frontex has significantly contributed to strengthening the management of the EU's external borders in full compliance with fundamental rights. The agency's operational support to Member States, its Standing Corps supporting Member States on the ground, and its support with implementing return measures are seen as playing a decisive part in the EU's effort to manage external borders and address migratory challenges. An additional positive factor is the increased cooperation of the agency with partner countries. Also, the evaluation finds that Frontex is governed by a strong fundamental rights framework that ensures respect for fundamental rights in all its activities.

Areas in which further improvement is needed include the following:

- Implementation of the agency's new organisational structure;
- Elimination of delays in setting out plans for its capabilities, such as technical assets and staff regarding border management and return;
- More strategic guidance for its return-related activities.

In consequence, the Action Plan contains a number of recommendations to be implemented by the Agency, its Management Board, the Member States, and the Commission. They focus on areas such as operations, repatriations, situational awareness, integrated border management, fundamental rights, and data protection.

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