

Frontex 2023 in Brief



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On 16 February 2024, Frontex presented the highlights of 2023 and the main operational achievements in the form of its digital leaflet "2023 in brief". Looking back to 2023, Frontex main achievements include the following:

- Employed 2500 EU border guards on average each month;
- Supported 24 operations;
- Rescued 43,000 people at sea;
- Supported the return of over 39,000 people who have received return decisions from the national authorities.

Together with 44 countries and international organisations over the world, the Agency supported one of the largest global operations against human trafficking. 50 officers were deployed within days to support Finnish authorities at their Eastern border with Russia. The Agency also launched a new operation in North Macedonia with more than 100 European border guards supporting local authorities with border surveillance and border checks. In addition, in 2023, the Agency tested a new decentralised command structure: operations are no longer coordinated from its headquarters in Warsaw but from the centre of the operation. Lastly, for the first time, first-line border checks of officers of the Agency were carried out at a border outside of the EU (between Moldova and Ukraine) in 2023.

With regard to fundamental rights, all 46 Fundamental Rights Monitors received the full training and started working in 2023. Frontex's Fundamental Rights Office was active in 30 countries, especially Greece, Italy, Spain and Romania. It monitored around 50 return flights and processed more than 50 complaints.

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