

Frontex' Cooperation with Third Countries 2021



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At the end of June 2022, Frontex issued its [annual report](#) on the agency's cooperation with third countries for the year 2021. The report sets out the respective highlights in 2021, the dialogues and cooperation frameworks that were continued and/or established over the past year, the agency's technical and operational cooperation, and capacity-building measures. Co-operation highlights in 2021 show that the focus was placed on cooperation with the Western Balkan region. This included more concretely, among other things, the following:

- Renewed working arrangements with Georgia and Albania;
- The deployment of a second liaison officer in the Western Balkan region;
- A new cooperation plan with Moldova;
- Joint operations with Serbia and Albania.

Dialogues for structured cooperation were established and/or continued with the Western Balkans and Turkey, Africa and the Middle East, Eastern neighbourhood countries, Silk Route countries, and countries sharing strategic interests, e.g. Australia, and Latin America. In the field of technical and operational cooperation, the report outlines the agency's work in the areas of situational awareness and monitoring, the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS), border control, and return activities and operations. Capacity-building measures undertaken in 2021 especially include three technical assistance projects: with the Western Balkans and Turkey, with the Southern Neighbourhood, and with the Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community (AFIC).

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