

Status Agreement Signed Between Frontex and Bosnia and Herzegovina



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On 11 June 2025, the EU and Bosnia and Herzegovina signed a [Status Agreement](#) to strengthen cooperation on migration and border management between Frontex and the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Status Agreement is based on the existing cooperation between the Agency and Bosnia and Herzegovina, which began with a Working Agreement in 2009.

The agreement allows Frontex to carry out joint operations with Bosnia and Herzegovina and to deploy its standing corps anywhere along the country's borders, including on the borders with neighbouring non-EU countries and at border crossing points (including airports). It sets out the conditions for launching operational activities, the setting up of an operational plan for each activity, and the mechanism for incident reporting.

To facilitate and improve the coordination of operational activities, Frontex may establish satellite offices in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The agreement also sets out the conditions for deploying a coordinating officer for each operational activity. At the core of the agreement are the rights and obligations of the team members who perform the tasks described in the operational plan. Furthermore, the agreement establishes commitments regarding fundamental rights and complaint mechanisms and sets out the requirements for the protection of personal data.

In order to combat fraud, corruption, and any other illegal activities that could affect the interests of the EU, the agreement stipulates that Bosnia and Herzegovina shall notify the EPPO and/or OLAF accordingly if "credible allegations" exist. If such allegations relate to EU funds disbursed under the Status Agreement, Bosnia and Herzegovina will provide all necessary assistance to the EPPO and/or OLAF in relation to investigative activities on its territory, including facilitating interviews, on-the-spot checks and inspections.

The Status Agreement will enter into force following the consent of the European Parliament and the Council as well as the national ratification procedure in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is provisionally applicable from the moment of signature.

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