

External borders: mandate of the Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders (FRONTEX)

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In the margins of the Council, the Mixed Committee (the EU plus Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland) discussed the state of play on the revision of the rules concerning Frontex. Negotiations with the European Parliament started in April. The goal is to reach agreement before the summer in line with the in line with the conclusions of the European Council of 24 March 2011.

The principal issues outstanding include:

- monitoring in the context of return cooperation;
- the exact provisions concerning the financing of technical equipment;
- the involvement of third countries, EU agencies and international organisations in Frontex activities;
- specifications concerning a fundamental rights strategy of Frontex.