

# A REINFORCED EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD

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Europe needs to be able to effectively manage its external borders and provide a high level of security within the Union. In his 2018 State of the Union Address, President Juncker proposed to further reinforce the European Border and Coast Guard to give it the right level of ambition to respond to the common challenges Europe is facing in managing migration and borders. The main objective of this reinforcement was to give the Agency the necessary resources and capabilities to support Member States on the ground – constantly and reliably.



## WHAT IS NEW?



### A 10,000-STRONGSTANDING CORPS

The new standing corps of 10,000 border guards – to be rolled out until 2027 – will ensure sufficient resources for the Agency.



### OWN EQUIPMENT

The Agency will acquire its own equipment, such as vessels, planes and vehicles, available to be deployed at all times.



### EXPANDED TASKS AND POWERS

The standing corps will be able to carry out executive tasks such as identity checks and authorising or refusing entry – only with the agreement of the host Member State.



### ANTENNA OFFICES

Antenna offices can be set up in Member States and non-EU countries (subject to a status agreement) to support logistically operational activities of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency.



### MORE SUPPORT ON RETURN

The Agency will support return procedures in Member States, including by identifying non-EU nationals who have no right to stay, acquiring travel documents and collecting information necessary for the issuing of return decisions, as well as organise and finance return operations.



### COOPERATION WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES

The Agency will be able to launch joint operations and deploy staff to countries outside the EU and beyond the neighbouring countries in order to provide support on border and migration management.

## A NEW STANDING CORPS OF 10,000 BORDER GUARDS

### WHY 10,000?

The standing corps was carefully designed – including its size and composition – to be able to address Member States' current and future needs.

It is weighted on:

1. Additional tasks of the Agency;
2. Previous staff and equipment gaps;
3. Experience from the migration crisis.

## WHEN?





The new standing corps can be deployed starting from 2021, once it becomes operational and will reach its full capacity of 10,000 border guards by 2027.

## HOW?

All operations of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency will take place under the command and control of the host Member State. The teams deployed from the European Border and Coast Guard standing corps will carry out their duties and tasks in accordance with instructions of team leaders from the host country.



### Stronger European Border and Coast Guard Agency will NOT:

-  Diminish national sovereignty;
-  Take over Member States' responsibility to protect borders;
-  Replace national border guards;
-  Unilaterally launch operations at Member States' borders.



## DID YOU KNOW?



During the migration crisis the European Border and Coast Guard Agency had to **increase its deployments** across Europe 5 times.



EU operations at sea, including operations coordinated by the European Border and Coast Guard, contributed to **saving almost 730,000 lives** since 2015.



All the **costs** arising from the deployment of the standing corps will be **covered by the Agency**.



The standing corps will be able to intervene only following a **request by a Member State**.



The 10,000 border guards will represent only **8.7%** of the total **115,000 Member States operational staff** in charge of border management across the EU.