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DG Migration and Home Affairs
Unit C.2. Border management and Schengen

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The phenomenon of migration

- *Factors beyond EU influence*
- *Need of new and strengthened tools and mechanisms*
- *Comprehensive holistic approach with immediate and long-term measures*
- *The European Agenda on migration, March 2015*
- *4 pillars of migration management: reducing incentives, border management, asylum, legal migration*

Context

- **2015 unprecedented crisis** - more than 1.8 million illegal border crossings

- **Schengen at risk** – need to effectively protect our external borders to safeguard the integrity of the area of free movement (shared responsibility)

- **Comprehensive approach** – border management as an element to address the migratory crisis and security threats

- **The new Frontex/ European Border and Coast Guard Agency –** to equip it with the necessary legal framework and resources to perform effectively in changed circumstances, including in crisis

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EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD

European Border and Coast Guard Agency ('Agency')

Member States' border & coast guard authorities*

Shared responsibility for managing migration effectively, ensuring internal security and safeguarding free movement of persons and the implementation of IBM

**When carrying out border control tasks.*

European Integrated Border Management

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1. 4 tier access control model
2. 11 strategic components (art. 4 of the EBCG Regulation)
3. Implemented by European Border and Coast Guard = MSs + Agency
4. Guided by IBM strategy framework at all levels

European IBM Strategy framework

Three parallel and integrated strands:

- A **European IBM Strategy** established by the Union institutions – progress report on Migration, March 2018
- A **technical and operational strategy for European IBM** established by the EBCG Agency in line with the political strategy and the strategic components described in Article 4 of the EBCG Regulation,
- **national IBM strategies** in each MS in line with Article 4 of the EBCG Regulation and the EU technical and operational IBM strategy.

European IBM Strategy

Goals and objectives

*Strategic **goals** and **objectives** based on the 11 strategic components and 3 horizontal topics*

1. *Border Control*
2. *Search and Rescue during maritime border surveillance operations*
3. *Risk analysis*
4. *MS cooperation supported and coordinated by the Agency*
5. *Inter-agency Cooperation*
6. *Third Country Cooperation*
7. *Measures within the Schengen Area*
8. *Return*
9. *State-of-the-Art Technology*
10. *Quality control mechanism*
11. *Solidarity mechanism*

Horizontal topics

- *Fundamental rights,*
- *Education and training*
- *Research and innovation*

Main tasks of the EBCG Agency

1. *Joint Operations*
2. *Risk Analysis & Vulenrability Assessment*
3. *Return Support*
4. *Pooled Resources*
5. *Rapid Response*
6. *Training*
7. *Research & Development*
8. *Third Countries & EU Cooperation*
9. *Eurosur, Common information sharing environment*

Monitoring & crisis prevention

Monitoring and Risk Analysis

- Agency provides MS with risk analysis on all components of the EU IBM and monitors migratory flows towards and within the EU, leading to a pre-warning mechanism.

Liaison Officers in the Member States

- Foster cooperation between the Agency and national authorities, e.g. on vulnerability assessment & monitor measures taken at 'hot' border sections.

Vulnerability Assessment

- Agency assesses the MS' capabilities and vulnerabilities regarding border control and recommends improvements to the MS concerned when gaps are identified.

EBCG Agency: border management

European Border and Coast Guard Teams
(including technical equipment)

Joint operations & rapid border interventions

The Agency deploys European Border and Coast Guard teams at Member States' request.

Migration Management Support Teams

Large influxes of mixed migratory flows occur at a hotspot areas.

The Agency + Europol and EASO, provides Migration Management support for registration, identification, fingerprinting and return.

Situation requiring urgent action

The functioning of the Schengen area is at risk - escalating situation at a particular border section.

Council decision - the Agency deploys European Border and Coast Guard teams at that border section.

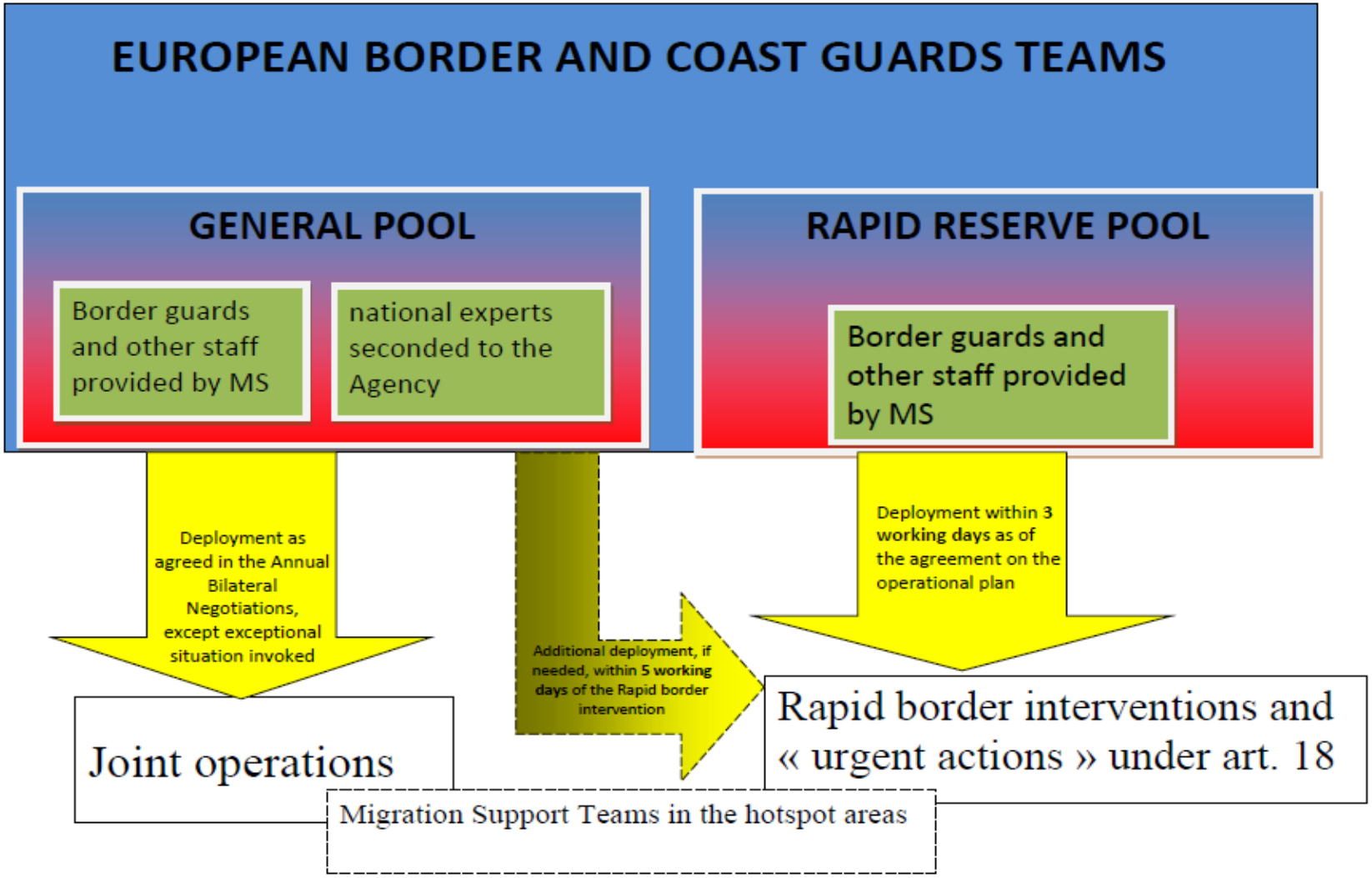
EBCG Agency:
NEW mandatory pooling of Resources

Rapid reaction pool

A standing corps of 1500 border guards and other relevant staff

Rapid Reaction equipment pool

Pooling of human resources



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Return

Return:

Agency initiates/assists Member States with **return operations.**

Agency sets up a **pool of return monitors, escorts and specialists** (e.g. for travel documents).

Agency deploys **Return Intervention Teams** (using the pools) for **return interventions** at MS' request or on its own initiative.

Cooperation with third countries

- *cooperation based on* ***working arrangements***
- ***New! Status agreements: Operational activities*** *in third countries – Western Balkans as a priority region*
- *Deployment of* ***liaison officers***
- *Technical assistance/capacity building projects*

What other changes?

Fundamental rights officer	Staff	Budget
• **Complaint mechanism** to ensure respect of fundamental rights in Agency's activities.	• Gradual increase from 402 staff (2016) to 1000 staff (2020).	• Gradual increase of EU subsidy from M€ 238 (2016) to M€ 322 (2020).

Thank you for your attention.

Any questions?