

## Simon Busuttil's proposals on Frontex

1. Strengthen the provisions on fundamental human rights in the law.
2. Merge the articles providing for the setting-up of Frontex Joint Support Teams and Rapid Border Intervention teams into one article providing for an EU Border Guard System which will consist of a pool of national border guards that can be tapped by the Agency for the purposes of its joint operations, rapid border intervention missions and pilot projects. This will streamline the provisions of the Regulation, increase transparency, avoid duplication and confusion of roles and most importantly, give a clearer European identity to the Agency's missions.
3. Support the Commission's proposal to require Member States to participate in the EU Border Guard System through national border guards of their own - the compulsory solidarity clause - and to equip the Agency with the means to purchase or lease its own equipment.
4. Mandate the Agency to pay special attention to Member States which are facing specific and disproportionate burdens on their national asylum systems.
5. Tighten the timeframes within which rapid border intervention missions should be deployed. All deadlines for action are reduced so that rapid border interventions can truly cater for emergency situations.
6. Introduce a role for Frontex in assisting with voluntary returns over and above the role of the agency for other returns.
7. Introduce a reference to regional operational offices based on the recent experience of the opening of the first regional operational office in Greece.
8. Grant the Agency the power to process personal data in order to enable it to play a greater role in combating cross-border crime and irregular migration. At the same time, provide for due safeguards on the protection of personal data. Thus, data should be processed for limited purposes, namely for situations regarding persons whom there are reasonable grounds to suspect involvement in cross-border criminal activities, in irregular migration activities or in human trafficking activities, persons who are victims of such activities and whose data may lead to the perpetrators of such illegal activities as well as persons who are subject to return operations in which the Agency is involved. There should be strict criteria as to how this data should be handled.
9. Increase the democratic scrutiny of the Agency by giving the European Parliament a greater role to monitor the work of the Agency, including its working arrangements with third countries.
10. Require the review of the Agency's mandate, in five years, to analyse the further development of the EU Border Guard System.

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