

Frontex Agency

Responding to the situation at the external borders of the EU

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I. EBCGA/Frontex New Regulation implementation

What is Frontex?

- **Decentralised** EU Agency. Own legal personality and autonomous budget;
- Governed by the **Management Board**: Heads of EU National Border Management authorities + European Commission;
- Frontex established upon Council Regulation of 26 OCT 2004 and operational as of 3 October 2005;
- Core aim is to support EU Member States by implementing EU policies on **Border Management**, intelligence-driven;
- **Shared responsibility**: Frontex does not replace national border management systems or responsibilities of the EU Member States;
- New **EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY** as of 6 October 2016;



The Agency's tasks

**Respect
for fundamental
rights**

**Risk analysis
and vulnerability
assessment**

Training

Operations

**Research
and Innovation**

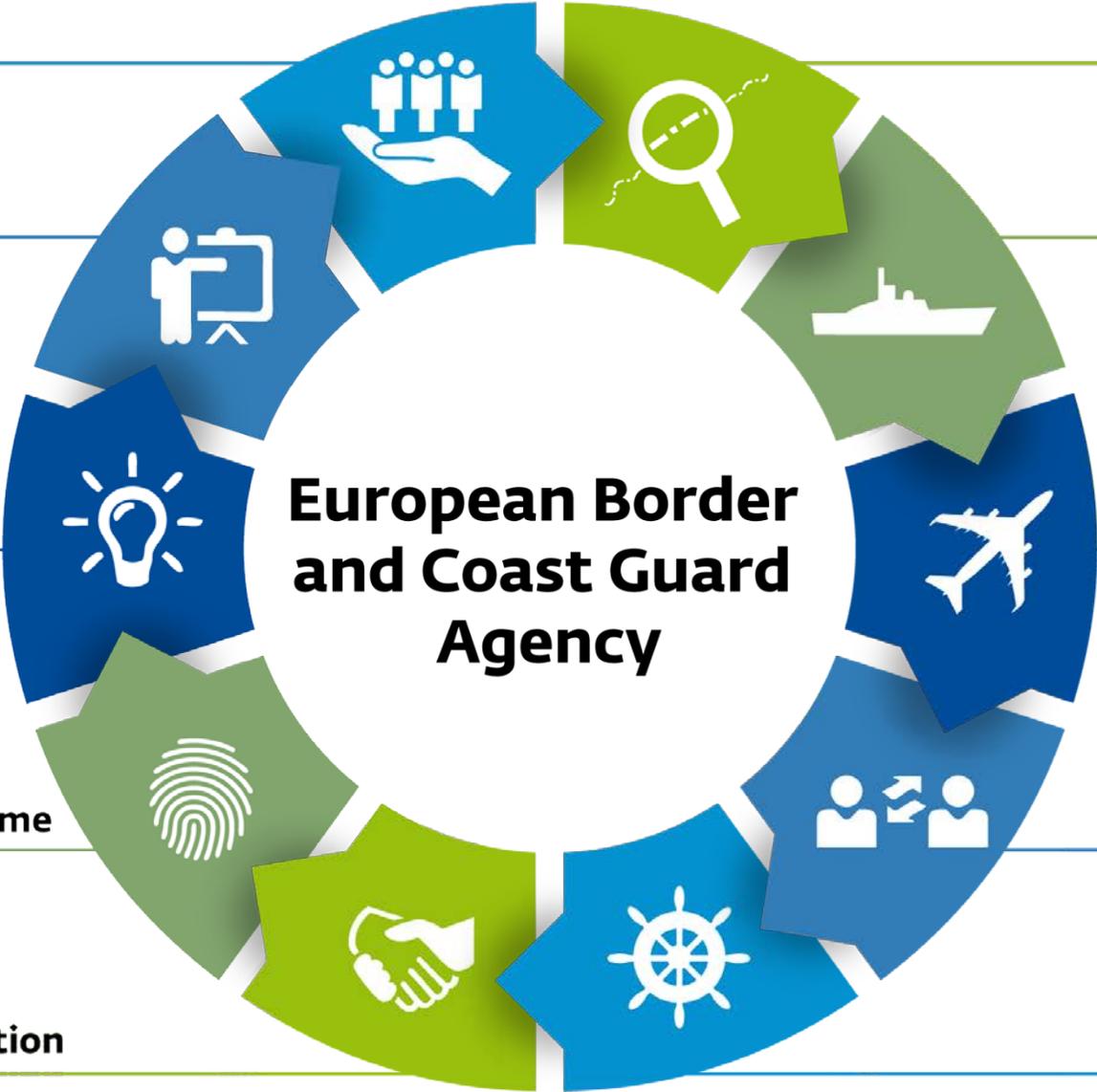
Returns

**Combatting
cross-border crime**

**Situation
Monitoring**

**International
and EU cooperation**

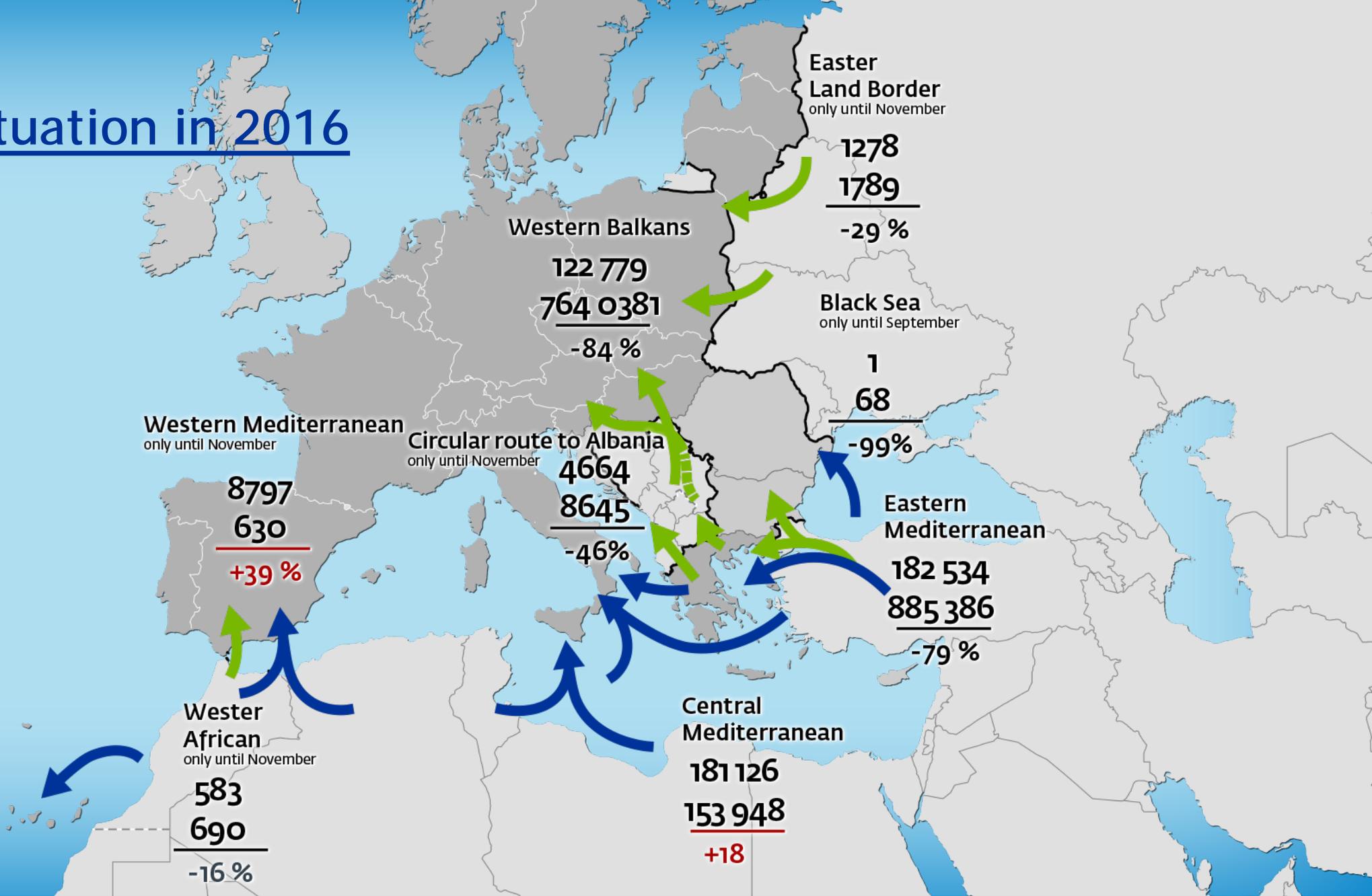
**Coast Guard
Functions**



**European Border
and Coast Guard
Agency**

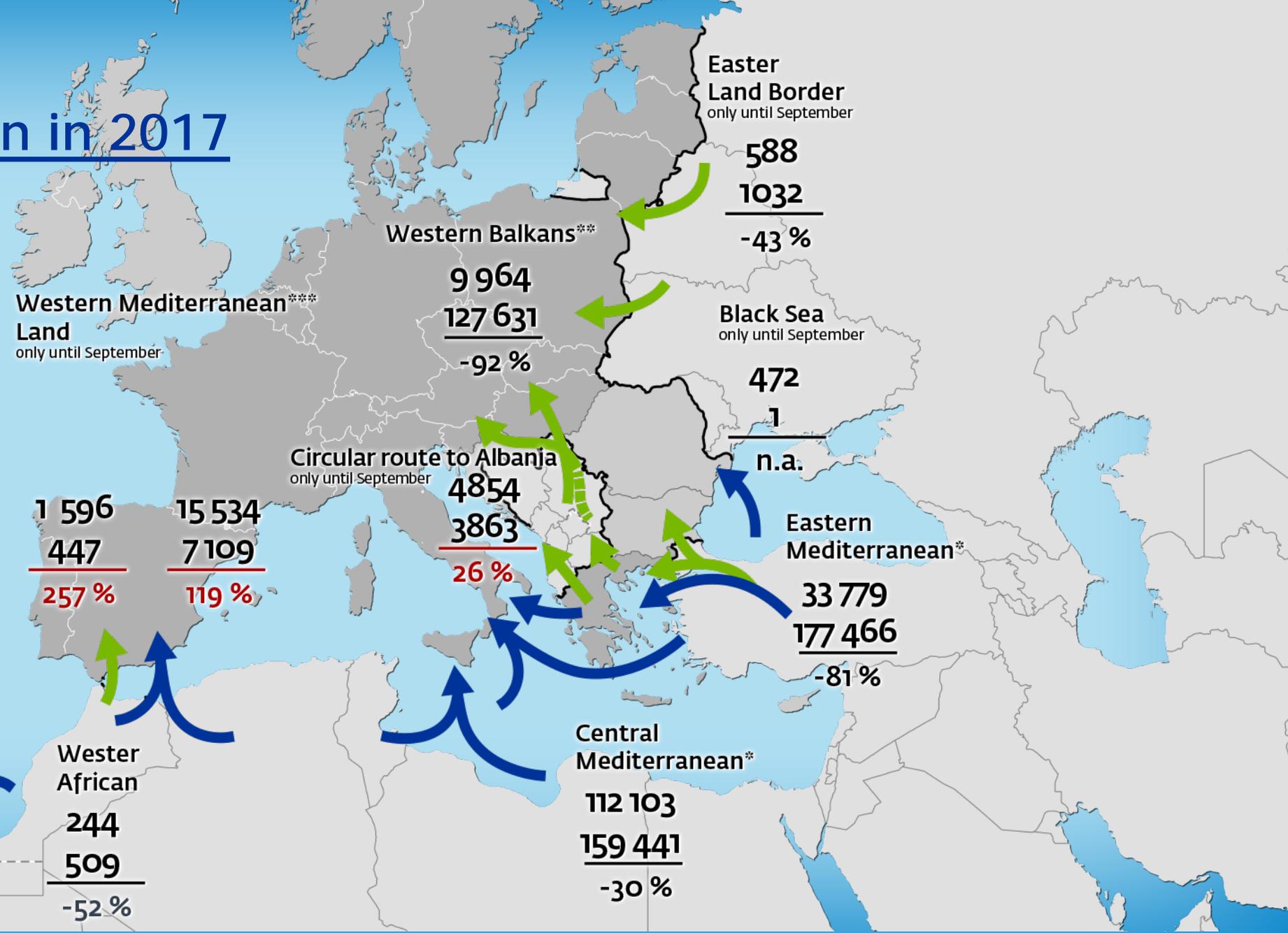
II. Migratory situation at the external border of the EU

Migratory situation in 2016



Source: FRAN and JORA data as of 04 Jan 2017
Frontex, RAU Analytics

Migratory situation in 2017



*Eastern Mediterranean Route includes also figures reported by Cyprus.
 **The Western Balkans route includes also figures reported by Croatia at the border with Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro, by Romania at the border with Serbia and by Bulgaria at the border with Serbia and former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
 ***Not including Syrian asylum seekers.

Source: FRAN and JORA data as of 03 Nov 2017
 Frontex, RAU Analytics

III. Frontex Operational activities

Frontex - Coordinating Flexible Operational Responses

To address exceptional migratory flows – Joint Operations

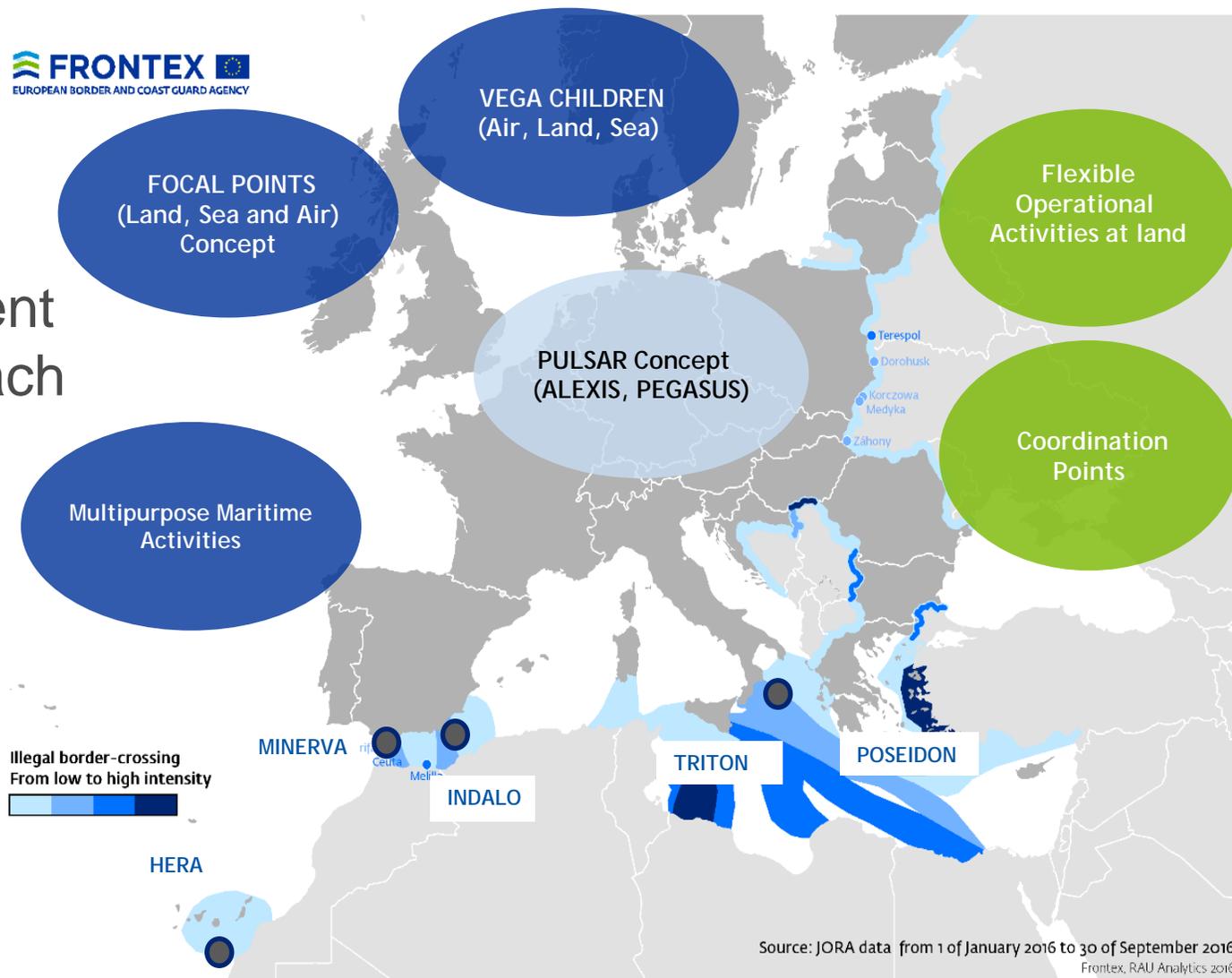
To support EU MS migration management

- EU Agenda Migration-Hotspot approach

To enhance fight cross-border crime

- Multipurpose Joint Operations

To build capacity for MS' border management

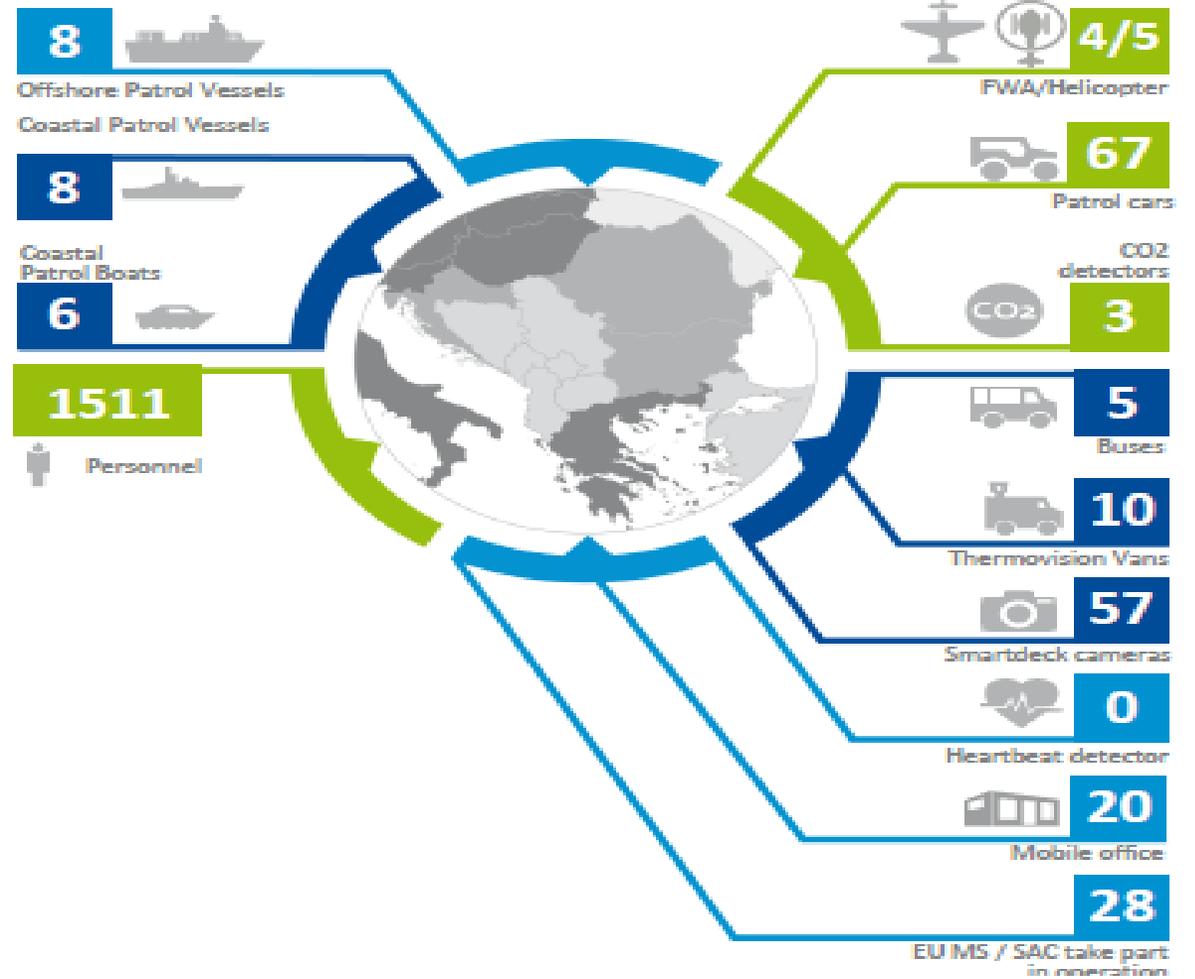


Frontex - Coordinating Flexible Operational Responses



Overall Frontex deployments

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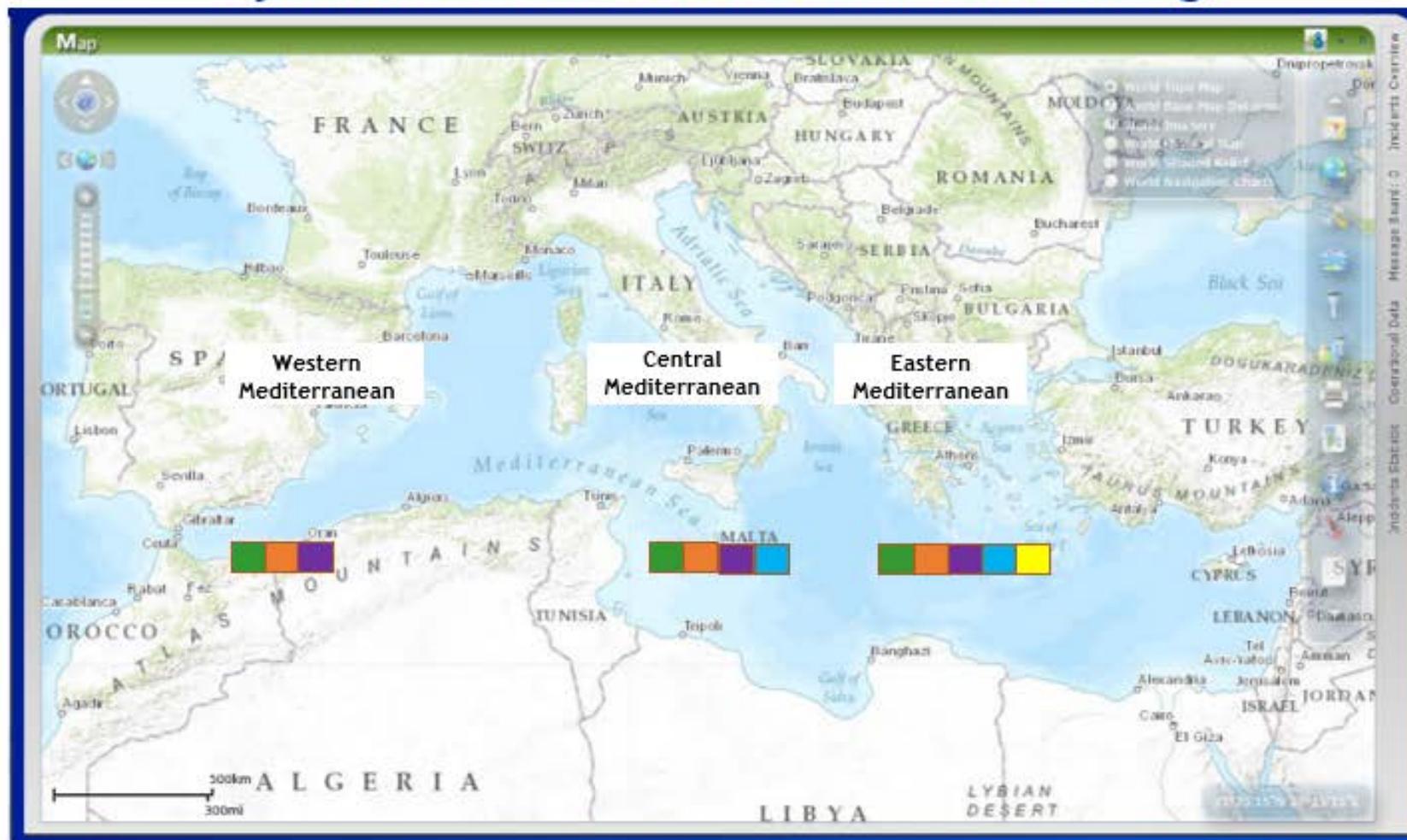


Frontex - Multi-purpose Operational Responses

Hybrid threats at sea is a common challenge

Type of incidents:

- migration
- Illegal fishing
- drug smuggling
- smuggling of cigarettes
- smuggling of weapons



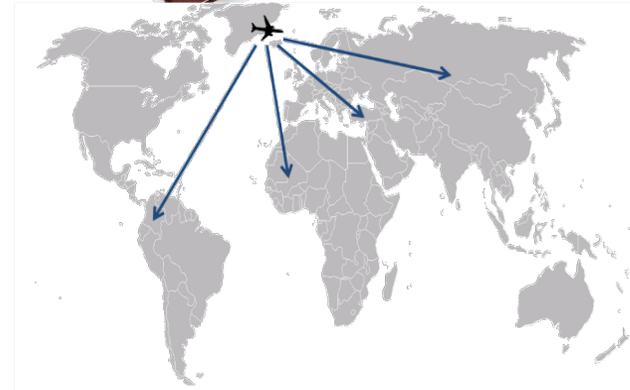
Frontex - Effective pre-return assistance and coordinated implementation

Supports the implementation of the EU return policy

Coordinates the effective implementation on operational level

Return support hub for MS

- Capacity building
- Training development



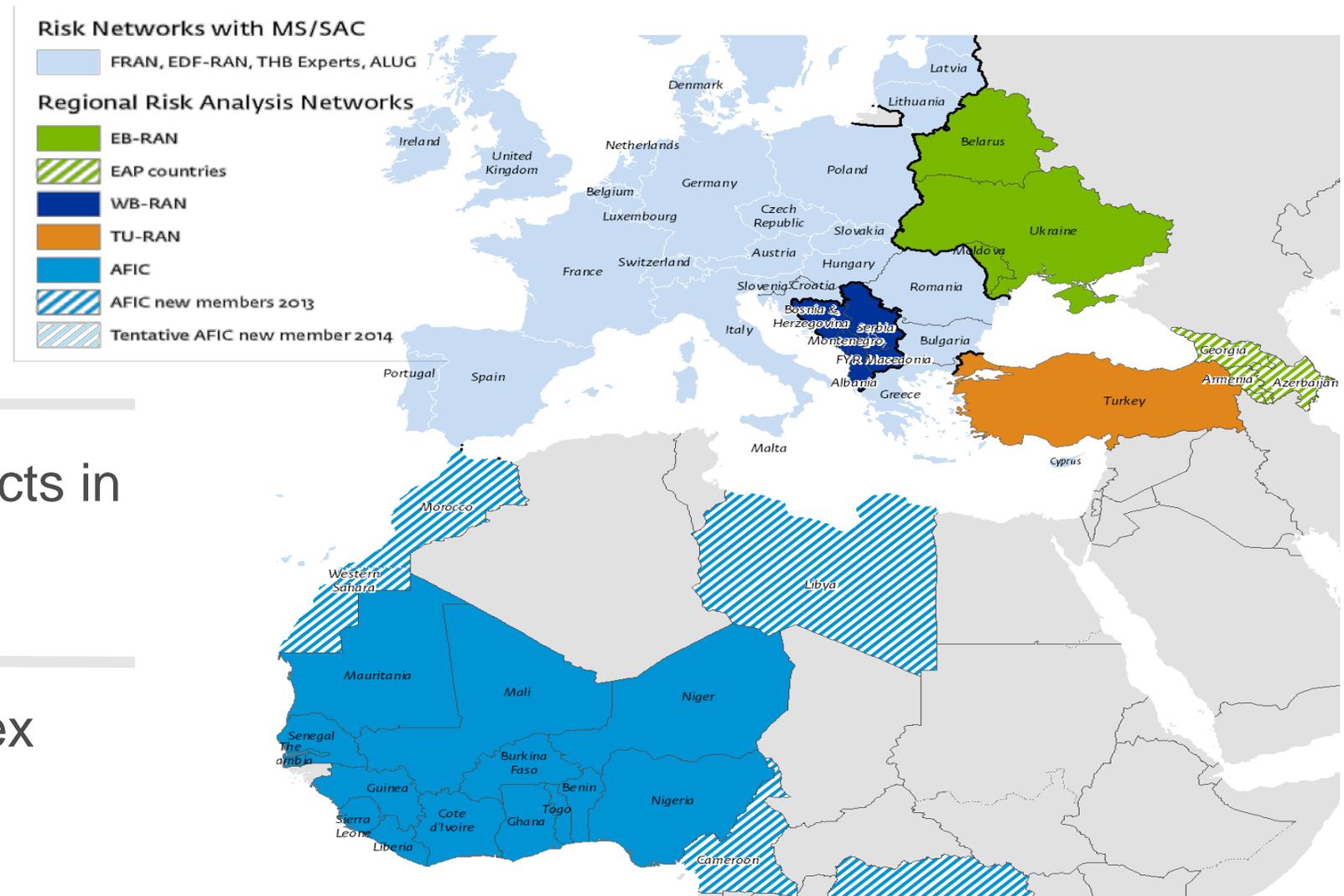
IV. Cooperation with non-EU countries

Frontex - Enhanced cooperation with non-EU Countries

Possibility for Frontex operations in neighboring non-EU countries

Technical assistance projects in non-EU countries

Growing network of Frontex Liaison Officers



V. Conclusions

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- Frontex supports frontline EU MS with tailored operational response in full compliance with fundamental rights;
- Border control contributes to the fight against cross border crime and prevention of terrorism - EU Internal Security;
- Border control is not a panacea;
- Huge migratory pressure at EU external borders → global solution needed;



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