

# **EU/Albania status agreement on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Albania**

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**PURPOSE:** to conclude, on behalf of the Union, the Status Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Albania on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of Albania.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

**BACKGROUND:** the Status Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Albania on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of Albania was signed, subject to its conclusion.

It is now necessary for it to be approved.

**CONTENT:** the draft Council Decision concerns the approval on behalf of the Union of the Agreement on the Statute between the European Union and the Republic of Albania on the actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Albania.

As a result of the Agreement, European Border and Coast Guard teams can be swiftly deployed on Albanian territory and respond to the current shift in migratory flows towards the coastal route and assist in external border management and fight against migrant smuggling.

The Agreement covers all aspects necessary for the implementation of the actions carried out by the Agency on the territory of the Republic of in actions where the team members will have executive powers, namely:

- the approval of an operational plan by the Member State or Member States bordering the operational area, agreed between the Agency and the Republic of Albania for each joint operation or rapid border intervention;
- the tasks and powers of the team members;
- the suspension and termination of the action;
- the privileges and immunities of the team members;
- respect for fundamental rights and the processing of personal data.

This Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen acquis. The United Kingdom and Ireland are therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and will not be bound by it or subject to its application. Denmark shall decide within six months of the Council decision on this Decision whether it will implement it in its national law.