

EU/Montenegro Agreement: operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Montenegro

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The European Parliament adopted by 523 votes to 104, with 6 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Montenegro on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Montenegro.

Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the agreement.

The Council Decision aims to approve the Status Agreement between the European Union and Montenegro on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Montenegro as foreseen in the Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 on the European Border and Coast Guard.

The purpose of the status agreement is to cover all aspects that are necessary for carrying out the actions of the Agency in third countries. Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/1896, in circumstances requiring the deployment of border management teams from the European Border and Coast Guard standing corps to a third country where the members of the teams will exercise executive powers, a status agreement shall be concluded by the Union with the third country concerned.

In accordance with the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation, the Commission presented in its 2021 communication, a model status agreement as referred to in Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 containing specific provisions for conducting actions on the territory of third countries. The status agreement with Montenegro is based on the model that the Commission has drawn up.