

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

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The European Parliament adopted by 441 votes to 101, with 8 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Albania on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of Albania.

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

The proposed Council Decision aims to approve the Status Agreement between the European Union and Albania on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Albania as foreseen in the Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 on the European Border and Coast Guard. The status agreement covers all aspects that are necessary for carrying out the actions of the Agency in third countries.

The new Agreement will update the previous status agreement from 2019 by also allowing the deployment of Frontex Standing Corps officers at the borders between Albania and neighbouring Western Balkan partners. The Agreement was signed on 15 September 2023 in Tirana.