

Basic information	
<p><b>2024/0305(NLE)</b></p> <p>NLE - Non-legislative enactments</p> <p>EU/Bosnia and Herzegovina Agreement: operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p><b>Subject</b></p> <p>7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas 7.10.06 Asylum, refugees, displaced persons; Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)</p> <p><b>Geographical area</b></p> <p>Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>	Procedure completed

Key players			
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>	<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
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Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
28/11/2024	Preparatory document	COM(2024)0545 	Summary
16/06/2025	Legislative proposal published	16666/2024	Summary
07/07/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

03/12/2025	Vote in committee		
05/12/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A10-0248/2025</a>	
21/01/2026	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T10-0011/2026</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
21/01/2026	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/03/2026	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
11/03/2026	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	2024/0305(NLE)
<b>Procedure type</b>	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Consent by Parliament
<b>Legal basis</b>	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 077-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 079-p2
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	LIBE/10/01618

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE778.134</a>	23/10/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE779.679</a>	18/11/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A10-0248/2025</a>	05/12/2025	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T10-0011/2026</a>	21/01/2026	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
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Legislative proposal	<a href="#">16666/2024</a>	16/06/2025	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Preparatory document	<a href="#">COM(2024)0545</a> 	28/11/2024	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">COM(2024)0546</a> 	28/11/2024		
Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">SWD(2025)0762</a> 	28/11/2025		

### Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

### Final act

[Decision 2026/0554](#)  
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## EU/Bosnia and Herzegovina Agreement: operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Bosnia and Herzegovina

2024/0305(NLE) - 16/06/2025 - Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE:** to conclude the Agreement between the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Decision of the Council.

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

**BACKGROUND:** Pursuant to Article 73(3) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of the European Parliament and of the Council, in circumstances requiring the deployment of border management teams from the standing corps of the European Border and Coast Guard to a third country where the members of the teams will exercise executive powers, a status agreement is to be concluded by the Union with the third country concerned.

The Agreement between the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina on operational activities of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Bosnia and Herzegovina was signed subject to its conclusion at a later date. It is now appropriate to approve the Agreement on behalf of the European Union.

**CONTENT:** the draft Council decision concerns the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Agreement governs all aspects necessary for the deployment of border management teams from the standing corps of the European Border and Coast Guard in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where team members may exercise executive powers. The deployment may take place on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Agreement with Bosnia and Herzegovina delimits the area where team members may perform their tasks to correspond with that where the Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina may operate, namely the zone extending 10km inland from the border and at border crossing points.

The conclusion of a status agreement could support the wider efforts and commitments of the European Union to further develop capabilities contributing to crisis response management and promoting convergence on foreign and security matters between the Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Operational activities implemented under the Agreement shall not affect search and rescue obligations under the law of the sea, in particular the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea and the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue.

The Decision constitutes a development of provisions of the Schengen acquis in which Ireland does not take part. Ireland is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it. Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of the Decision and will decide, within six months after the Council has taken a decision on this Decision, whether to implement it into its national law.

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

2024/0305(NLE) - 28/11/2024 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to approve the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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: Bosnia and Herzegovina remains an important transit country for migrants seeking to travel towards and the European Union via the Western Balkans. Between January and September 2024, nearly 17 000 irregular border crossings on entry were registered at the European Union's external borders on the Western Balkan route, approximately 90% of these were at Croatia's border with Bosnia and Herzegovina. Bosnia and Herzegovina's activities also led to the detection of more than 5 000 additional crossing attempts at this section over the same period.

In accordance with a Council Decision, the Agreement between the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Bosnia and Herzegovina was signed, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Border and Coast Guard, in circumstances requiring the deployment of border management teams from the standing corps of the European Border and Coast Guard to a third country where the members of the teams will exercise executive powers, a status agreement is to be concluded by the Union with the third country concerned. Such a status agreement should be based on the model that the Commission has drawn up as provided for in Article 76(1) of the same regulation. The Commission adopted this model on 21 December 2021.

It is now necessary to approve the Agreement on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes that the Council should decide to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement between the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

## *Scope of the agreement*

Compared to the model status agreement, the negotiated text provides an **additional provision** regarding the Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina's internal approval procedure for operational plans such as:

- a limitation on the geographical range where the standing corps may perform its tasks corresponding with the territorial jurisdiction of the Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- an additional provision allowing relevant authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina to access Frontex premises with permission from the Executive Director;
- a modified article on privileges immunities corresponding with the privileges and immunities provisions afforded to the other countries in the region – providing for functional immunity for staff deployed by Frontex for criminal, civil and administrative matters;
- a provision that the Agency should inform the Border Police to whom accreditation documents have been issued;
- a provision allowing Bosnia and Herzegovina to request the termination of deployment of individual staff members who violate the status agreement, an operational plan or national law.

Unlike other status agreements, the agreement with Bosnia and Herzegovina **delimits the area** where team members may perform their tasks to correspond with that where the Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina may operate, namely the zone extending 10km inland from the border and at border crossing points.

The conclusion of a status agreement could support the wider efforts and commitments of the European Union to further develop capabilities contributing to crisis response management and promoting convergence on foreign and security matters between the Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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

The European Parliament adopted by 565 votes to 83, with 14 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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

The proposed Council Decision aims to approve the status agreement between the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Bosnia and Herzegovina as foreseen in the Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 on the European Border and Coast Guard.

One of the tasks of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency is to cooperate with third countries in relation to the areas covered by the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation 'including through the possible operational deployment of border management teams in third countries'. The Agency may cooperate with the authorities of third countries competent in matters covered by the Regulation to the extent required for the fulfilment of its tasks and may carry out actions related to European integrated border management on the territory of a third country subject to the agreement of that third country.

A status agreement covers all aspects that are necessary for carrying out the actions of the Agency in third countries. The proposed status agreement conforms to the model status agreement as provided for in the Commission's communication on the content and provisions to be included in the final agreement.

Structured and sustained cooperation with third countries, especially Western Balkans, is an integral part of Europe's stability and security space. Therefore, strengthening migration and border management cooperation with Bosnia and Herzegovina is strategically important to ease the pressure on Croatian borders neighbouring Bosnia and Herzegovina and thus prevent irregular crossings at the EU external borders as well as tackle cross-border crime.