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EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY

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Dear Mr Oel,

In reference to your inquiry please see below the necessary elements for a concise reply to the written question E-002003/2022 *"Enlargement of the Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community"*:

1. **What countries are currently participating in the AFIC, and what plans or arrangements are there for enlargement?**

   The Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community (AFIC) was set up in 2010 to provide a framework for expertise and risk analysis sharing in the field of border security between Frontex and African countries. The concept of this collaboration was broadly based on the model of the Frontex Risk Analysis Network (FRAN) and the two already established regional risk analysis networks - the Western Balkans Risk Analysis Network (WB-RAN) and the Eastern Partnership Risk Analysis Network (EaP-RAN). In 2017, the project "Strengthening of AFIC as an instrument to fight cross-border crimes affecting Africa and the EU" was launched with the aim to further enhance cooperation in the field of risk analysis and strengthen capacities of AFIC partners' border management authorities.

   As an informal network, AFIC network's activities are open to all interested countries in Africa. The 30 countries that have contributed so far to AFIC activities are: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Congo DRC, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, Somalia, The Gambia, and Togo.

2. **What specific authorities from the participating countries are involved in the AFIC, and how does this relate to the planned accessions of Mauritania, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Togo?**

   The partner authorities are border management services in the respective AFIC countries and reflect the respective national structures. Specifically, these are authorities involved in border management within the National Police, National Immigration Services, General Directorates for Security and Surveillance, Border Security, Gendarmerie, National Agencies in charge of Integrated Border Management, or similar institutions[1].

   The backbone of the AFIC network is the Risk Analysis Cells (RACs) hosted by relevant border management authorities and embedded in their organisational structure. Within the framework of the AFIC project, Frontex has been supporting the objective of establishing 8 RACs. As of July 2022,

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[1] *See a list of AFIC partner authorities participating in a recent even in the Annex*

RACs in Niger, Ghana, The Gambia, Senegal, Nigeria, Côte D'Ivoire and Togo are active, and the establishment of RAC in Mauritania is in progress. As for the RAC in Guinea, its preparation was concluded, however the official opening and operationalisation of the RAC has been pending since 2020 due to external factors. The RACs are or will be embedded in the organisational structure of their respective border management authorities (see table below).

Host country	Hosting authority
Nigeria	Nigeria Immigration Service
The Gambia	The Gambia Immigration Department
Niger	Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DST)
Ghana	Ghana Immigration Service
Senegal	Direction Générale de la Police Nationale (DGPN) - Direction de la Police de l'Air et des Frontières (DPAF)
Ivory Coast	Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DST)
Togo	Direction Centrale du Renseignement Intérieur (DCRI)
Mauritania	Direction de la Police de l'Air et des Frontières (DPAF)

3. *Which of those authorities are intelligence services or police or gendarmerie forces with powers similar to those of intelligence services?*

The AFIC network is composed by national law enforcement authorities with a mandate in border management, which include risk analysis in the areas covered by the legal basis of Frontex. AFIC partners discuss border management and border security in order to improve awareness of the African border situation and migratory movements. Information shared within the AFIC network is limited to statistical data, use cases, description of *modi operandi* from border security/border management/risk analysis perspective; and does not contain any personal data. By definition, national intelligence service information is not shared within AFIC activities.

Frontex is not in a position to fully assess which of those law enforcement authorities have powers similar to those of intelligence services.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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ANNEX

Participating authorities

Country or organisation	Entity
Benin	Direction Générale de la Police Républicaine
Benin	Agence Béninoise de Gestion Intégrée des Espaces Frontaliers (ABeGIEF)
Chad	Police Nationale
Cabo Verde	National Police - Foreign and Border Management
Cameroun	Ministère des Relations Extérieures du Cameroun
Cameroun	Police Camerounaise
Côte d'Ivoire	Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DST)
DRC	Direction Générale de Migration
Egypt	Ministry of Defense
Gambia	Gambia Immigration Department
Ghana	Ghana Immigration Service/ Intelligence Division
Guinee Conakry	Direction Centrale de la Police aux Frontières
Guinee Conakry	Ministère de la Sécurité et de la Protection Civile / DCPAF
Guinea-Bissau	Ministry of Interior and Public Order
Kenya	Border Security
Mali	Direction de la Police aux Frontières
Morocco	Direction Générale de la Sûreté Nationale (DGSN)
Mauritania	Gendarmerie Nationale
Niger	Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire
Niger	Police Nationale
Nigeria	Nigeria Immigration Service, Kano Zonal Command
Nigeria	National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP)
Nigeria	Nigeria Immigration Service
Nigeria	EU Delegation Nigeria
Mali	Ministère de la Sécurité et de la Protection Civile/Direction Générale de la Police Nationale/Direction de la Police aux Frontières
Mali	Gendarmerie 3
Mauritania	Gendarmerie Nationale
Somalia	Ministry of Internal Security
Somalia	Security Department
Senegal	Direction Générale de la Police Nationale (DGPN), Direction de la Police de l'Air et des Frontières (DPAF), Division Nationale de Lutte Contre le Trafic de Migrants et Pratiques Assimilées (DNLT), Centre de Monitoring et de Profiling
Sierra Leone	National Early Warning and Response Mechanism Centre
South Sudan	Public relations
South Sudan	Immigrations
Sudan	MoI Sudan Police HQ Passports and Immigration Directorate
Togo	Direction Centrale du Renseignement Intérieur (DCRI)
Togo	Direction Générale de la Documentation Nationale (DGDN)