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To:	Working Party on Frontiers
Subject:	Cooperation between Frontex and third countries in 2022

Delegations will find attached the presentation made by Frontex at the meeting of the Working Party on Frontiers of 12 September 2023 on the above-mentioned subject.

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EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY

Cooperation between Frontex and third countries in 2022

Frontiers Working Party, 12 September 2023



Partnerships along key migratory routes...



....building on EU synergies and leverage...



...and reinforcing bilateral cooperation of EU MS ...



... form part of effective IBM

Integrated border management in the external dimension

Key highlights in 2022



Joint Operational Moldova in record speed

Mobilised further support to Moldova and Ukraine

Enhanced operational presence in the WBs

Returns to 116 countries of origin

Launch of Joint Reintegration Services (JRS)

International Border Police Conference 2022 - as a platform for dialogue with the global border guard community

Developing dialogue and cooperation frameworks



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Working arrangements

Status agreements



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Working arrangements concluded

Status Agreements in force

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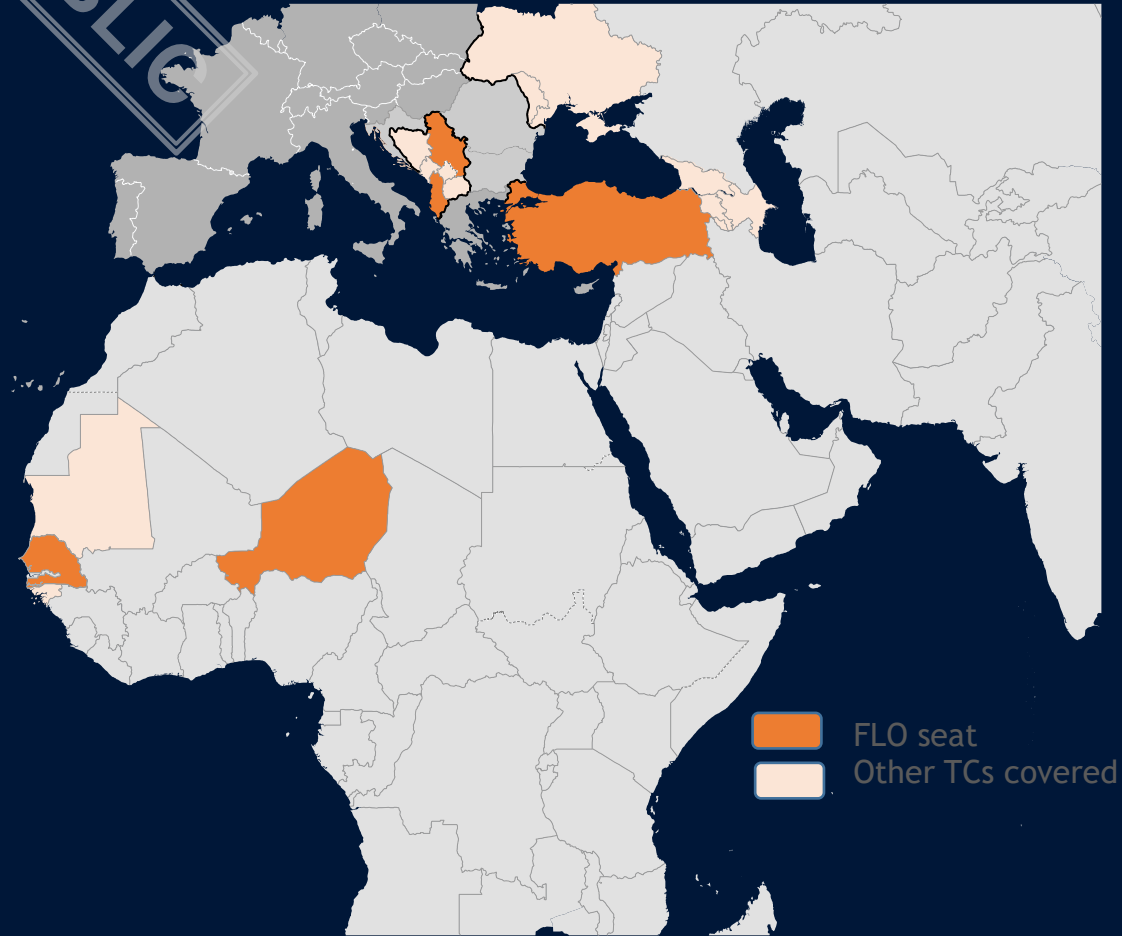
Negotiations ongoing

New being negotiated

Developing a strong network of Frontex Liaison Officers

■ Frontex Liaison Officers to third countries:

1. Türkiye
2. Western Balkans (Serbia)
3. Western Balkans (Albania)
4. Niger
5. Senegal, Mauritania and the Gambia
6. **Eastern Partnership countries (Moldova/Ukraine)**



Protecting and promoting fundamental rights

- Mainstreaming fundamental rights at every stage of activities
- Fundamental Rights Monitors
- Complaints mechanism





Technical and operational cooperation



Situational awareness

- Strengthening cooperation within the European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR) framework
- Risk analysis networks facilitating joint analytical work
 - Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community
 - Western Balkans Risk Analysis Network
 - Eastern Partnership Risk Analysis Network

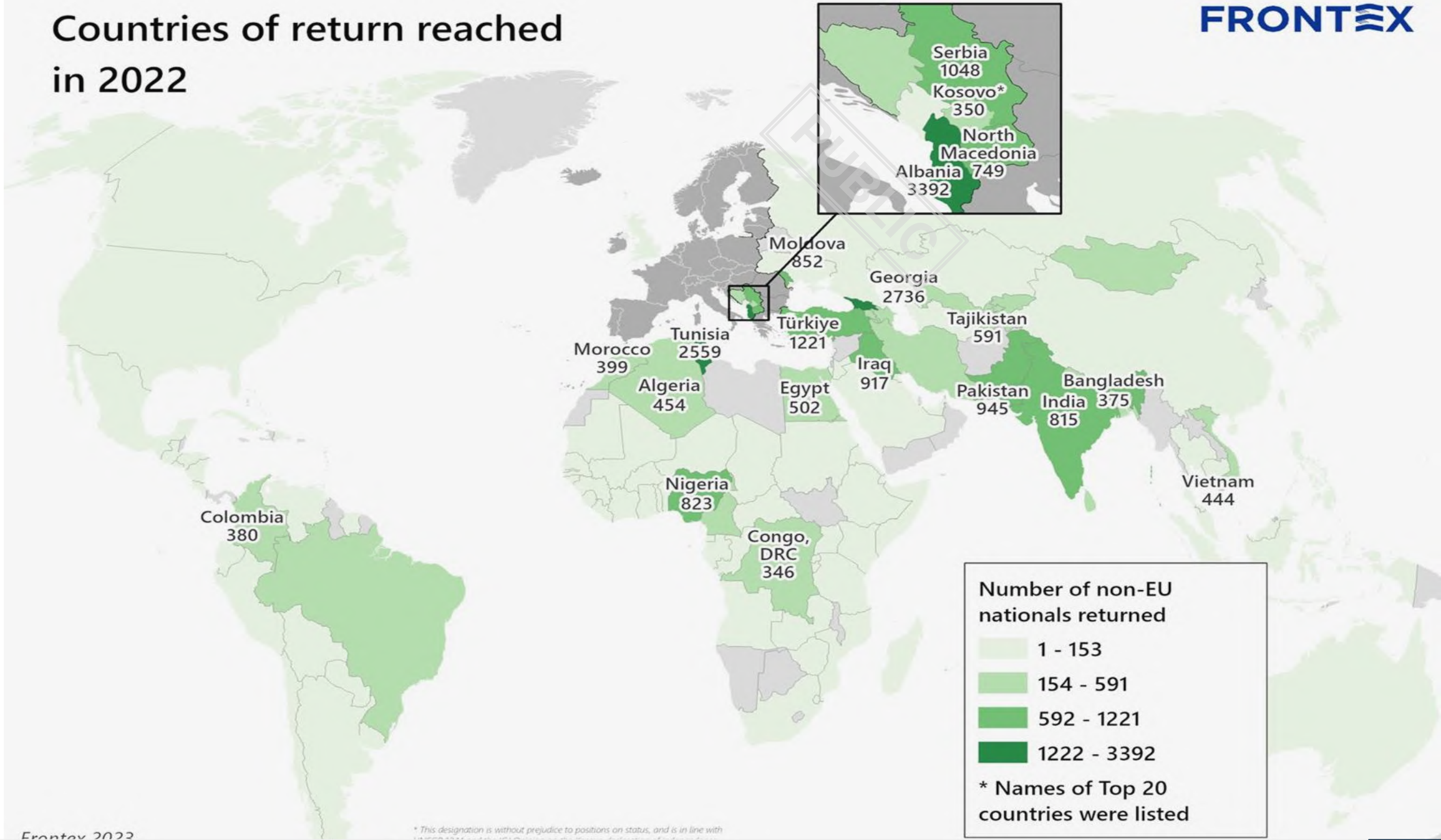
2022: Joint response at the borders

- Fully-fledged joint operations under EU Status Agreements
 - Albania
 - Montenegro
 - Moldova
 - Serbia
- Joint operations Coordination Points in 9 host third countries
- EMPACT activities

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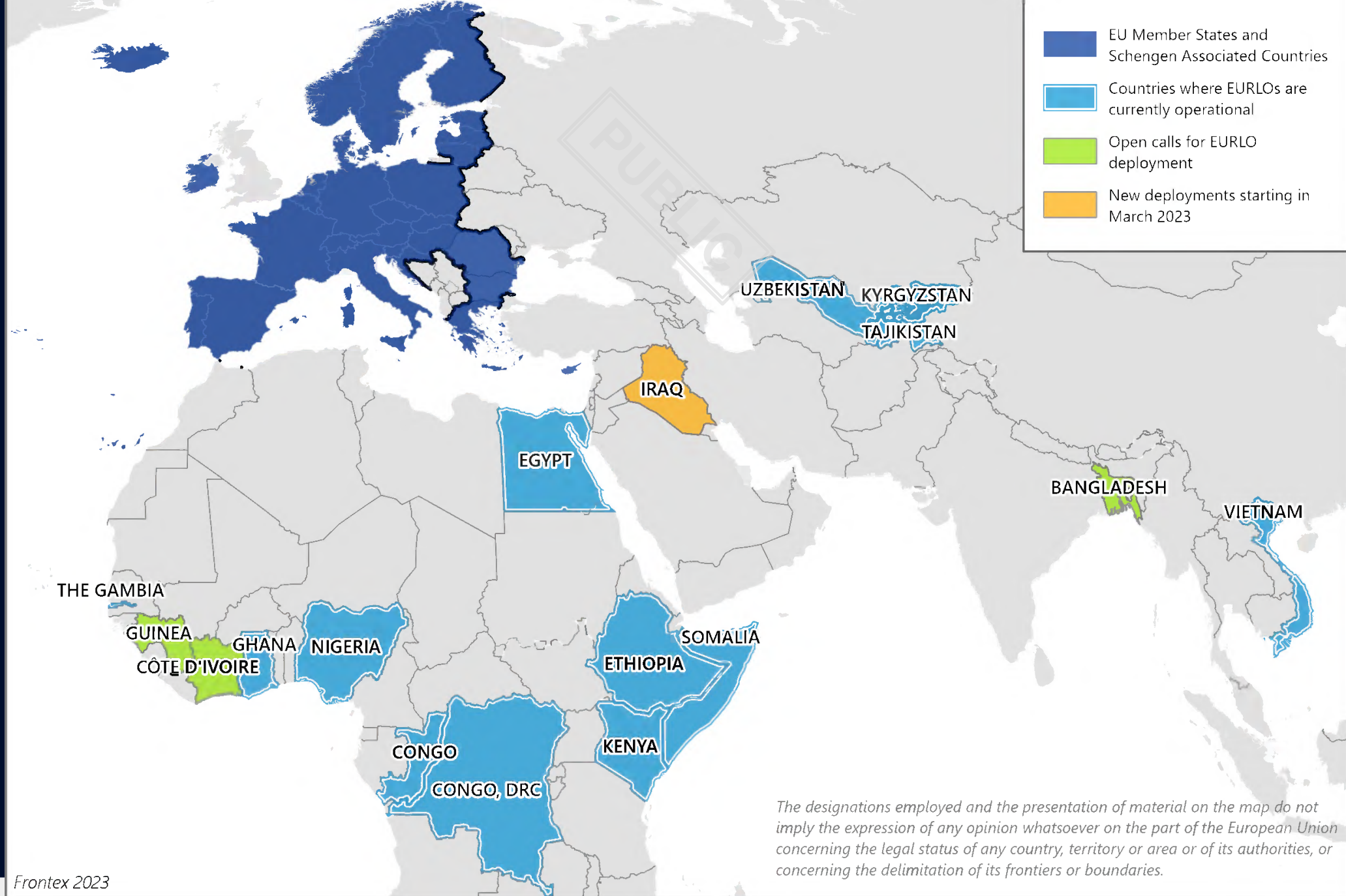
Countries of return reached in 2022



Frontex 2022

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with the UNHCR's practice of referring to the region of origin.

European Return Liaison Officers



Frontex 2023

Technical assistance projects

Strengthening of AFIC

Strengthening Western
Balkans' Border Security
Capacities

Technical Assistance
Projects for TCs on
Return, Readmission and
Reintegration



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EU4BorderSecurity

Regional Support to Protection-
Sensitive Migration Management
Systems in the Western Balkans,
Phase III



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