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	- Second peer-to-peer review mission Greece (May/June 2012) - Replies from MS to preparatory questions

1. Delegations were asked during the meeting of the Working Party for Schengen Matters (Schengen evaluation) on 16 March to send in answers to the following two questions:
 - a) In which bi- or multilateral assistance-projects is your country already engaged (please include also assistance provided through EASO and FRONTEX)?
 - b) In which fields could your country foresee bi- or multilateral assistance to Greece (e.g. capacity-building, training, return, equipment, information-exchange, cooperation on the elaboration of technical specifications)?

Answers were received from AT, BE, BG, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, HU, NL, NO, PL, RO, SI, SK. _

2. The answers can be summarized as follows:

- FRONTEX-assistance (deployment of personnel and equipment; already running and to be continued or to be started in 2012): AT, BE, BG, CZ, DE, ES, FI, FR, DK, HU, NL, NO, PL, RO, SI, SK,

- EASO-assistance (already running and to be continued or to be started in 2012): AT, CZ, DE, FI, NL, PL
- Possibility for assistance besides FRONTEX and EASO (depending on concrete projects): AT (Europol), DE, HU, NO (already running), RO

3. The answers received will be included in the preparations of the forthcoming peer-to-peer review mission to Greece,
4. Regarding question a), the following contributions were received in detail:

AUSTRIA:

Land borders:

- Austria participated in the first RABIT mission in 2010 in the Orestiada region with 17 border guards and 8 vehicles;
- Since the beginning of FRONTEX's Joint Operation "POSEIDON 2011" Austria participated with 48 border guards and one infrared-camera-vehicle;
- Austria participates with two officers in the Focal Points Kipi (border with Turkey) and Kakavia (border with Albania);

Sea borders:

- Austria has seconded on temporary basis officers to the situation center in Piraeus established in April 2011;

Return operations:

- Austria has organized a charter flight for the removal of deportees under the umbrella of FRONTEX for Greece to Nigeria 2010/11;
- Austria has organized several FRONTEX joint return operations that were operated via Athens;
- Austria has invited Greek experts 2010/11 to Austria under the umbrella of FRONTEX in the framework of a study visit;

Asylum matters:

- since the end of 2010 Austria participated in several supporting mission to Greece in the framework of EASO dealing with "downsizing the number of pending procedures", "registration and screening", "quality management" and "training of personnel of appeal courts";

Other forms of assistance:

- Austria has seconded a liaison officer to Greece in July 2010 to foster and to coordinate the bilateral cooperation;

BELGIUM:

With regard to the deployment of federal police staff, from 2010 till the beginning of 2011 the BE federal police deployed a total of **20 members of staff**, each of them for an average period of three weeks, within the framework of the **RABITS** which were operated by Frontex in that period. After this, the RABIT-mechanism was changed into **OPERATION POSEIDON LAND**. Within this framework, BE agreed with Frontex during the bilateral talks – which would determine the individual responsibility of the member states in Frontex-operations – that BE would indeed continue to provide support in the problematic border region EL/BG/TR, yet rather on the Bulgarian side than in EL.

As a consequence, only one BE member of staff was sent to participate in a POSEIDON LAND mission in 2011, and this for a period of three weeks in Kipi, EL.
The BE federal police foresees to continue its efforts within the framework of OPERATION POSEIDON LAND.

BULGARIA:

2008

- Specialized operation “Poseidon 2008” carried out in three phases with the participation of 11 Bulgarian experts seconded in Greece and in the International Coordination Centre of the operation in Piraeus.

2009

- Specialized operation “Saturn 2009” – the four phases of the operation with the participation of 14 Bulgarian experts seconded in Greece, 2 mobile thermo vision systems “TERMA 06” and 2 manual thermo vision cameras;
- Specialized operation “Focal Points 2009” – with the participation of 2 Bulgarian experts seconded in Greece at the BCP Kristalopigi and BCP Kakavia;
- Specialized operation “Poseidon 2009–sea borders” - with the participation of 2 Bulgarian experts seconded at the BCP at the harbour Chios, Greece.

2010

- Specialized operation “Poseidon 2010 – land borders” at the territory of Greece with the participation of 28 Bulgarian experts, 5 mobile thermo vision systems and 3 manual thermo vision cameras. 3 officers were sent to the International Coordination Centre in Greece.
- Specialized operation “Focal Points 2010 – land borders” – 9 Bulgarian experts, 3 cars and 2 mobile thermo vision systems were seconded at the Greek external borders;
- Specialized operation “RABIT 2010” – 19 Bulgarian experts, 3 cars, 2 mobile thermo vision systems and 1 van were deployed at Greek territory as part of the RABIT operation;
- Specialized operation “Poseidon 2010 – sea borders” at the territory of Greece – 3 Bulgarian experts.

2011

- Specialized operation “RABIT 2010” – 6 Bulgarian experts, 2 mobile thermo vision systems; 1 patrol car;
- Specialized operation “Poseidon 2011 – land borders” – 69 Bulgarian experts (profiled in “green” border surveillance, border control and service dogs handlers), 7 Bulgarian experts in the International Coordination Centre in Alexandroupoulos, 14 mobile thermo vision systems, 4 manual thermo vision systems, 16 off-road vehicles and 4 service dogs.
- Specialized operation “Focal Points 2011 – land borders” – 2 Bulgarian experts were seconded at the Greek territory;
- Specialized operation “Neptune 2011” –1 Bulgarian expert was seconded in Greece.

CZECH REPUBLIC:

The Czech Republic was ready to contribute to the composition of the Asylum Support Teams (ASTs) for Greece under EASO by offering its respective experts. Two of the pool of nominated experts had been selected (one on information on countries of origin, second on identification of vulnerable groups including unaccompanied minors), however neither of them had been deployed to Greece yet, either due to constraints on Greek side in one case, or due to constraints on the side of the expert in the second case.

The Directorate of Foreign Police Service currently participates in Joint Operation “POSEIDON 2011 Land 2012”. Two police officers are regularly sent to this operation.

DENMARK:

- 4 participants from DK under ATTICA 2011
- 3 participants from DK under JO Poseidon 2011 and Land 2012
- 3 participants from DK under JO Poseidon Sea 2012

FINLAND:

The experts of the Finnish Immigration Service have participated in the context of EASO’s support groups on asylum issues to the development of the conditions of reception and detention (especially the status of the persons in a particularly vulnerable position).

Finland has actively participated to operational cooperation coordinated by Frontex.

In 2011 Finland took part in the following Frontex operations in Greece:

- RABIT-operation from 2 November 2010 to 3 March with a total of ca. 20 border experts and a dog from the Finnish Border Guard (FBG). These experts served in teams of 5-3 border guards for app. one month at a time.
- JO Poseidon Land from 2 March to 7 December with a total of 24 border experts from the FBG. These experts served in teams of 2-4 border guards for app. one month at a time. Majority of the patrols were FBG’s special response team’s members and worked together with the special unit of the Hellenic Police.
- JO EPN Poseidon Sea from 2 May to 9 December with a total of 9 border experts and one fast interception boat from the FBG. These experts served in teams of 2 border guards for app. one month at a time.

FRANCE:

In 2011 France was involved in six operations organized by FRONTEX on Greek territory: 2 RABITs, Attica, Focal Point, Poseidon, Neptune.

No specific action concerning technical cooperation is provided currently.

GERMANY:

Regarding the bilateral cooperation of the German Federal Police with the Greek Border Authorities, two officers from the Hellenic Coast Guard attended a study visit to the Federal Police Regional Office for Maritime Security in Bad Bramstedt (BPOLD BBS) in June 2011. The study visit at the Federal Police District Office in Rostock (BPOLI HRO) aimed to provide the Greek side an overview of the Federal Police approach to combating human smuggling in containers on ferries. Furthermore, there are currently 4 Federal Police Support Officers for Foreign Assignments (Grenzpolizeiliche Unterstützungsbeamte Ausland - GUAs) deployed to the Greek focal point offices in Athens and Thessaloniki (airport, one at each), Patras and Igoumenitsa (seaport, one at each).

In addition a total of 10 Federal Police Officers are deployed to the Frontex Joint Operation Poseidon (land) respectively in the area of surveillance of the land border to Turkey including thermal imaging and night vision technology. The German Federal Police Officers provide assistance in controlling of trans-border traffic and surveillance of the “Green Border” and for searches and the exchange of information for combating illegal migration particularly with a focus to the migration flow with reference to Germany.

EASO: In 2010 Greece submitted a three-year action plan on asylum reform and migration management. As from spring 2011 the coordination of the resulting assistance measures was taken over by the European Asylum Support Office (EASO). The asylum support team seconded to Greece by EASO to implement this plan included two staff members of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) responsible for fields of unaccompanied minors and general asylum procedure management and the setting-up of the EASO operational plan.

HUNGARY:

Hungary participated in different Frontex coordinated joint operations – JO Poseidon Land, Jo Poseidon Sea, JO Attica, JO Focal Point - in Greece in the past years, and in 2011:

- with 13 green border experts and 3 mobile thermal camera vehicles at the Greek-Turkish border section,
- with 14 green border experts and 7 patrol cars at the Greek-Turkish border section,
- with one border check expert at the Greek-Turkish border section
- with one screener officer at the Greek-Turkish border section,
- with 3 border check experts at sea port BCPs,
- with 2 green border experts at the Greek-Albanian border section.

NETHERLANDS:

EASO

In 2011 there were 3 civil servants engaged:

1 expert for detention facilities for the period of 6 months,
1 IT-expert for the period of 6 weeks and
1 coordinator for 1 day.

NORWAY:

EASO

Norway has not yet been involved in activities of the EASO Agency, negotiation on the Norwegian involvement in with EASO is ongoing with the European Commission.

FRONTEX

JO Poseidon Land:

- 1 police officer for debriefing in the period 23.05-18.07 (shifts of approximately 30 days);
- 2 police officers for debriefing in the period 15.08-10.10 (shifts of approximately 30 days);

JO Focal Point Land:

- 1 police officers for border checks in the period 03.09-31.10 (shifts of approximately 30 days);

JO Poseidon Sea:

- 2 police officers for debriefing/screening (MOU) in the period 01.06-01.07
- 2 police officers for debriefing/screening (MOU) in the period 01.11-01.12

ATTICA

- 1 police officer for screening in the period 31.01-29.02
- 1 police officer for screening in the period 27.03-25.05 (shifts of approximately 30 days);
- 1 police officer for screening in the period 14.08-08.11 (shift of approximately 30 days);
- 1 police officer for screening in the period 14.08-13.09
- 1 police officer for screening in the period 09.10-08.11

POLAND:

Poland has been participating in the support for Greece in the framework of the RABIT 2010 Operation since the beginning of 2011 it included: 25 Border Guard officers, 2 service dogs, helicopter and 6 service vehicles.

The Border Guard participated also in the following Frontex Agency Joint Operations:

JO POSEIDON 2011, JO POSEIDON 2011 Extension - 3 mobile observation units (vehicles with thermo vision camera), BG officers with thermo vision camera, Helicopter PZL Sokół W-3 with crew)

JO NEPTUNE 2011 – 1 BG officer + thermo vision camera.

JO EPN POSEIDON 2011 (sea border) – 5 BG officers .

ROMANIA:

Starting in 2007, Romania has engaged a lot of its personnel and equipment into the operations carried out in Greece or elsewhere at the external borders of the EU.

In **2007**, one document expert participated in the **Joint Operation Poseidon, phase III**, in BCP Igoumenitsa and in 2008, during the Joint Operation Poseidon Sea, 3 border policemen were seconded to Chios and Leros Islands and BCP Kipi.

In **2009**, the Romanian Border Police one P157 – CPV vessel with 24 crew members for **EPN – Poseidon 2009** was put at the disposal of Frontex and used in the area of Lesbos Island. 19 patrolling missions were carried out, during which 7 cases of illegal migration were detected, involving 197 persons, and 6 RIBs were seized.

During the extension of the **Joint Operation Poseidon 2009**, Romania also seconded 2 experts for the Lesbos and Samos Islands.

In **2010**, Romania sent two P157 – CPV vessel with 24 crew members for **Poseidon 2010** was used in the area of Leros Island during 44 patrolling missions. The results of the involvement of the Romanian assistance in Greece consist of 56 illegal migrants identified and retained, 161 commercial ships, 19 Turkish fish vessels, 35 Greek fish vessels and 68 pleasure boats being detected, monitored and checked with thermo-vision devices.

During the Attica 2010 Frontex operation, three representatives of the Romanian Immigration Office carried out specific activities in Samos Island and Orestiada.

In the same time, 2 border policemen were appointed as liaison officers in the International Coordination Centre in Pireu for maintaining contacts between the seconded vessels, the Frontex Agency and the Romanian Border Police.

Also, one EC 135 endowed with FLIR device was put at the disposal of Greek authorities during the **Joint Operation Poseidon Sea 2010**.

In **2011**, 24 representatives of the Romanian Border Police participated in **RABIT 2010 operation**, together with a bus, 2 vans, 19 terrain vehicles and a dog handler with his specialized dog in tracking persons. An EC135 with FLIR device also participated along with the necessary crew.

During the **2011 Poseidon Land operation**, the Romanian authorities seconded on a monthly basis an average of 12 experts and 10 vans. Currently, in the operational area there are 9 border policemen and 8 vans.

As well, under **2011 Poseidon Sea operation**, RBP seconded in Southern Crete Island, starting with 24.03.2011, a patrolling ship OPV type with 25 crew members and 2 experts within the International Coordination Centre in Pireu for 2,5 months.

In the field of asylum, a representative of the Romanian Immigration Office was seconded in the summer of 2011 to the support team in Greece. Another RIO expert attended the **2011 Attica operation** of Frontex, carrying out specific activities in Alexandroupolis, his mission being taken to another level as screening team leader under the extension of the respective mission. Another RIO expert participated for 2 months in Attica 2011 operation carried out in the beginning of the current year in Orestiada.

In the framework of **Attica 2012 project**, RBP has sent in the operational area a screening expert, as Frontex supporting officer, his mandate following to expire on 31.05.2012.

Starting with 28.03.2012, the Romanian Border Police supported the **2012 Joint Operation Poseidon Land** by seconding, until the end of this year, 15 BP experts and 8 patrolling vans for each operational phase.

It is to be mentioned that between 2007 - 2011, the Romanian Border Police seconded its specialists in border checks and surveillance for the Focal Points Joint Operation into the permanent or temporary Focal Points activated on the territory of Greece.

SLOVAKIA:

The Slovak Republic actively participates in common operation of Frontex at the air, land and sea borders of Greece.

In 2011 Slovak Republic participated in the operation RABIT with 12 police officers of the Border Police together with equipment at the Greek-Turkish border.

Border police specialists for documents and border control were posted altogether with equipment into each phase of operations POSEIDON land and POSEIDON sea 2011 (borders with Greece), which will be carried out also in 2012, where specialist are again going to be posted pursuant to the requests of Frontex agency.

The Slovak Republic welcomes and supports any initiatives to help Greece and will keep participating intensively at the operations regarding the external border protection by posting our specialists as well as the equipment.

SLOVENIA:

Overview of the engagement of Slovenian Police in the activities in Greece organized by Frontex (in the last years and also 2012). Slovenia is not involved in activities on a bilateral basis and also not directly involved with its experts in the activities of EASO. Due to financial constraints there will be no expert(s) in the upcoming mission in Greece.

Time	Location	Aim	No. of experts	Equipment deployed
03.11 - 30.12.2010	Greece - Orestiada	border surveillance	2 experts (RABIT)	night vision device 2 x, binocular 2 x, 1 x patrol car, 2 x flash light
24.1.2011 - 4.3.2011	Greece - Orestiada	border surveillance	2 experts (RABIT)	portable thermo vision and patrol car

SI involvement in PP ATTICA

2010 - 2 months - one screening officer 2011 - 36 days - one screening officer 2012 - 1 month - one screening officer

SI involvement in JO Poseidon Land 2010

Time	Location	Aim	No. of experts	Equipment deployed
2.6. - 30.6.2010	Greece - Kakavia	border surveillance	1 GBS expert	
28.7.- 25.8.2010	Greece - Kipi	BCP	1 border checks expert	
25.8.2010 - 29.9.2010	Greece Orestadia	border surveillance	1 GBS expert	portable thermo vision

SI involvement in JO Poseidon Land 2011				
Time	Location	Aim	No. of experts	Equipment deployed
30.3.-27.4.2011	Greece - Orestiada and Alexandroupolis	border surveillance, debriefing	2 GBS experts, 1 debriefer	mobile thermo vision (TVV)
27.4. - 25.5.2011	Greece - Orestiada and Alexandroupolis	border surveillance, debriefing	2 GBS experts, 1 debriefer	mobile thermo vision (TVV)
21.5. - 24.6.2011 (additional contribution)	Greece - Alexandroupolis	border surveillance	2 GBS experts	mobile thermo vision (TVV)
11.9. - 14.10.2011 (additional contribution)	Greece - Alexandroupolis	border surveillance	2 GBS experts	mobile thermo vision (TVV)
7.11. - 8.12.2011 (additional contribution)	Greece - Alexandroupolis	border surveillance	1 dog handler with service dog	

5. Regarding question b), the following answers were received in detail:

AUSTRIA:

Land borders:

- Austria participates in the FRONTEX Joint Operation „POSEIDON Land 2012“ with two permanently posted officers (equipped with an infrared-camera-vehicle), one Frontex support officer as well as additional temporary postings of dog handlers and de-briefers;
- Austria will participate in the FRONTEX pilot project “ATTICA 2012” in the Orestiada region with one permanently posted screening officer and one temporarily posted de-briefer.

Sea borders:

- Austria will participate in the FRONTEX Joint Operation “POSEIDON Sea 2012” through temporarily posted border guards to the islands of Rhodes, Chios, Kos and Samos.

Return operations:

- Austria will organize several FRONTEX joint return operations that will be operated via Athens (giving the Greek authorities the possibility to remove deportees) during 2012.

Asylum matters:

- for 2012 further participation in EASO-supporting missions to Greece is planned; for this purpose Austria has nominated 62 experts for the EASO assistance pool.

Other forms of assistance:

- Austria has offered Greece participation in projects which aim at obtaining and sharing information on illegal migration flows, for example in the framework of the EUROPOL common analysis project “FIMATHU” (Fight against illegal Migration via Serbian-Hungarian border).

BULGARIA:

- Specialized operation “Poseidon 2012” – 20 Bulgarian experts profiled in “green” border surveillance, 18 Bulgarian experts – crew of mobile thermo vision systems, 9 service dogs handlers, 10 Bulgarian experts in the International Coordination Centre, 29 patrol cars, 9 mobile thermo vision systems “TERMA” and 10 manual thermo cameras.
- Specialized operation “Focal Points 2012 – land borders” – 6 Bulgarian experts in Greece

GERMANY:

For the future, an increase of personnel of the Federal Police for bilateral cooperation has been agreed on in close consultation with the Greek side especially regarding (airport and seaport) Focal Points. Furthermore the Federal Police has offered to strengthen support for and cooperation with the Greek police and the Hellenic Coast Guard in the focus areas of border surveillance at the “Green Border line”, border-police control at relevant airports and seaports as well as in the field of investigation management by training measures and study visits at Federal Police offices in Germany.

Also in the future, experts from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees will be available for further secondments to EASO, also for longer periods (up to six months).

HUNGARY:

According to the available information despite of the limited resources of technical detection capability there is huge number of illegal immigrants apprehended at the Greek-Turkish border section year by year. Because of the geographical conditions – almost the entire and border section is a river border – there is only limited possibility to prevent the illegal border crossing without effective cooperation with Turkey.

The Hungarian Police will take part in different Frontex coordinated joint operations to support the Greek authorities to provide an effective border control system along the Greek-Turkish land border and help in the return matters.

Furthermore there is a threat in the secondary movement of the illegal immigrants. According to the official sources, huge numbers of illegal immigrants are in Greece who plan to travel to the other countries of the EU illegally. Because of the neighbouring countries on the main migration routes are third countries – except of Bulgaria – the Hungarian Police can offer her assistance to the Greek Police in **how to enhance its detection capabilities in exit directions at the common border with FYROM**. The Hungarian Police can also offer assistance to build an **effective in-depth control system along the Bulgarian border** - in line with the EU regulations – and in country level.

CZECH REPUBLIC:

In the future, the Czech Republic is ready to continue with offering its experts for the Asylum Support Teams (ASTs) for Greece under EASO depending on the required profile. No bilateral form of cooperation is foreseen for the future.

As far as the Directorate of Foreign Police Service is concerned, there is currently no direct cooperation with Greece. The FRONTEX operations are supported by technical equipment. This falls under so called “CRATE”. The Czech Republic has provided two infrared-camera-vehicles and 10 devices for night vision (thermovision).

FINLAND:

In 2012 Finland is taking part in the following Frontex operations in Greece (please note that changes may occur during the year):

- JO Poseidon Land 2011 Extension from 1 January to 28 February with a total of 4 border experts in 2 special response team patrols, and a dog. These experts serve for app. one month at a time.
- JO Poseidon Land from 2 March to 5 December with a total of 14 border experts and 4 border guard dogs from the Finnish Border Guard. These experts serve in teams of 2 border guards for app. one month at a time.

- JO EPN Poseidon Sea from 1 June to 31 July with a total of 2 border experts for debriefing activities.

Finland has not had bilateral cooperation in the field of border management and is not planning to develop any special bilateral programmes. Finland considers that the limited resources are used in the most effective way when they are a part of Frontex toolbox.

Finland is in principle ready to continue its participation to Frontex operations also in the future. Finland is of the opinion that it is also a good moment to start a long term capacity building project coordinated by Frontex. Finland is ready to consider participating Frontex lead capacity building programmes and third country cooperation if this kind of instruments will be developed and our expertise is needed.

It is planned that the Director at the Finnish Immigration Service, Ms Jaana Vuorio, will in the context of EASO's support groups train on asylum system related issues in April-May. Finland participates in supporting Greece in the sector of training and capacity-building by the experts of the Finnish Immigration Service as part of the EASO's AST-functions. There are no ongoing bilateral projects.

FRANCE:

In 2012 France will participate in 5 operations.

Greece enjoys as a part of FRONTEX training in combating document fraud held annually in THE Netherlands, but also risk analysis related to forged documents carried out by France.

NETHERLANDS:

EASO

In 2012, 1 expert for detention – 3 days and
1 IT-expert 1 day

FRONTEX

Landborders:

JO Poseidon from 1-1-2012 til 31-12-2012 with 1 Frontex Support Officer, 6 officers in border surveillance, 2 border guards and 2 vehicles (Alexandroupolis en Orestiada)

Air borders:

JO Focal point Air from 15-3-2012 till 12-4-2012 with 1 border guard (Athene)

Sea borders:

- PP Mobile Operation Unit (3 x period of 1 month in Athens, 2 border guards (period not fixed yet)
- JO Poseidon Sea from 1-7-2012 til 31-7-2012
1 border guard for support of BCP (Samos)
- JO Poseidon Sea in October and November 2012,
1 Frontex Support Officer (place not decided yet)
- d) JO Poseidon Sea from May 2012 till September 2012 with 1 speedboat RHIB)& 2 crewmembers

Return operations: JO Attica from 1-3-2012 til 31-5-2012 1 screener (Athens)

Training: 2 x 1 week courses 'Return officer'.

Furthermore, there are between 4 and 6 interpreters engaged (permanently located in Greece).

NORWAY:

Norway is contributing to Greece via - EEA Grants and Norway Grants - with capacity building of infrastructure and procedures particularly related to detention capacity, asylum process and voluntary return. The Norwegian engagement is carried out directly with the Greek authorities as well as via the programme partners UNHCR and IMO. The Norwegian engagement is handled via the Financial Management Office (FMO) in Brussels, affiliated to the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). The financial contribution of agreed programmes is currently amounted to 21 M Euro.

POLAND:

- In 2012 Border Guard will participate for example in the following Frontex Agency Joint Operations:
 - JO POSEIDON 2012 land borders
 - JO POSEIDON 2012 sea borders
 - JO FOCAL POINTS 2012
 - Projekt ATTICA
- Moreover, Polish BG's representative takes part in works of Steering committee for Frontex Operational Office in Pireus.
- If, in the future the EU or Frontex Agency will call for additional involvement with aim to support Greece, Polish Border Guard will take into consideration the possibility of further activities in this scope.
- The Office for Foreigners confirmed its willingness to assist Greece via EASO activities in framework of the EASO Asylum Intervention Pool and EAC Training Pool.
- We can provide assistance in a field of trainings for asylum officials in Greece on asylum procedures, the Refugee Status Determination (RSD) and Country of Country of Origin Information (COI).

ROMANIA:

The Romanian Immigration Office could offer specific expertise relating to asylum and migration matters, in the framework of activities developed by EASO and Frontex, but also on drawing up and implementing concrete projects aiming at increasing the operative capacity building of Greek authorities in relation with countering illegal stay of foreigners and return matters.

The Romanian Border Police may contribute to the bi- and multilateral assistance offer granted to Greece in the field of:

- training of the personnel on border matters
- capacity building: implementing integrated border management at strategic, institutional and legal level;
- the framework of international cooperation;
- countering illegal migration, asylum procedures at the borders, returns;
- Frontex-related issues: joint operations, risk analysis, pool resources, Frontex Operational Office, National Coordination Center, EUROSUR, International Cooperation Centers, sea operations;
- drawing up technical specifications and feasibility studies for maritime surveillance vessels - OPVs, maritime patrolling vessels – CPV, ships and boats;
- drawing up technical specifications for the land mobility means,
- assessing offers relating to the acquisition of technical means for the public order units in the international committees established in this regard.
- technical assistance for the implementation of an integrated logistics management for the public order units.

SPAIN:

Air borders: "Focal Point 2012". Two border guards will be sent to the Athens airport. The main objective of this operation is to assist the local authorities in the border checks of third country nationals.

The first deployment will take place from 9 of April to 8 of June, and the second will be from 3 to 28 of September.

Land borders: "Poseidon Operation". It consists of five phases from April to October 2012. One expert will be sent to one of the two detention centres (Orestiada and Alexandroupolis) in each phase.

Sea borders: "Poseidon Operation". The operation consists of two phases (April and May). Two border guards will be sent, one per phase, to carry out identification interviews of undocumented migrants at the detention centres in the Samos Island.

Removals support operations: "Attica Operation". Police officers will be sent two by two up to a total of ten and will be assigned to the detention centres of Orestiada and Alexandroupolis. The objective of this operation is to conduct interviews in order to determine the nationality of the migrants and to give assistance to Greece in the return process of the migrants to their country of origin.