



Frontex - Solidarity Tool for Border Management in EU

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Key figures

1 822 000 detections
~1 000 000 persons

3 choke points

from...



Common challenges



1 Rise in migratory pressure

2 Increasing terrorist threat

3 Increase in traveler flows

The challenge

The Schengen border is only as strong as its weakest link



Frontex mandate - aiming to provide solidarity and added value to the border management in EU

Frontex supports, coordinates and develops European border management in line with the relevant EU law including Fundamental Rights Charter.

Frontex:

supports MS for efficient, high and uniform level of border control

coordinates EU measures to jointly respond to exceptional situations at EU external borders

develops capacities as combined instruments to tackle irregular migration flows and cross-border crime at EU external borders

cooperates with non-EU countries based on Working Arrangements

Frontex - solidarity tool



Policy
Legislation



Operational
activities



Financial



Development
Pooling /
Sharing

2-way process:

Frontex
Participating MSs
Affected MSs

1. Legal framework in border management

Policy Documents

Frontex provides support to the MSs for the harmonized implementation of the EU Acquis in border management

- Schengen Borders Code
- Local Border Traffic
- Document security: passport and residence permits
- Visa Information System
- Schengen Information System
- Return Directive
- Others

Frontex provides support to the MSs and EU institutions for the harmonized implementation of Policy Documents

- IBM
- EU Agenda on Migration
- EU Agenda on Security
- Commission Communications
- Council Conclusions
- Internal Security Strategy
- Others





2. Support in operational activities:

- To improve effectiveness of border control
- To facilitate interoperability and flexible operational response to irregular migratory phenomena
- To contribute to the control of secondary movements towards EU
- To support national border control authorities in prevention and combating cross-border crime
- To establish and exchange best practices
- To develop and use permanent platforms for coordinated operational cooperation
- To further develop inter-agency and third countries cooperation
- To strengthen the EU MS border management capacity

For instance:

Agency's comprehensive information management

- ✓ **Services provider** for external and internal stakeholders
- ✓ **Central node** for information management
- ✓ **12/7 operability** - increased expectations call for more



Situational Picture



Strategic analysis - main points

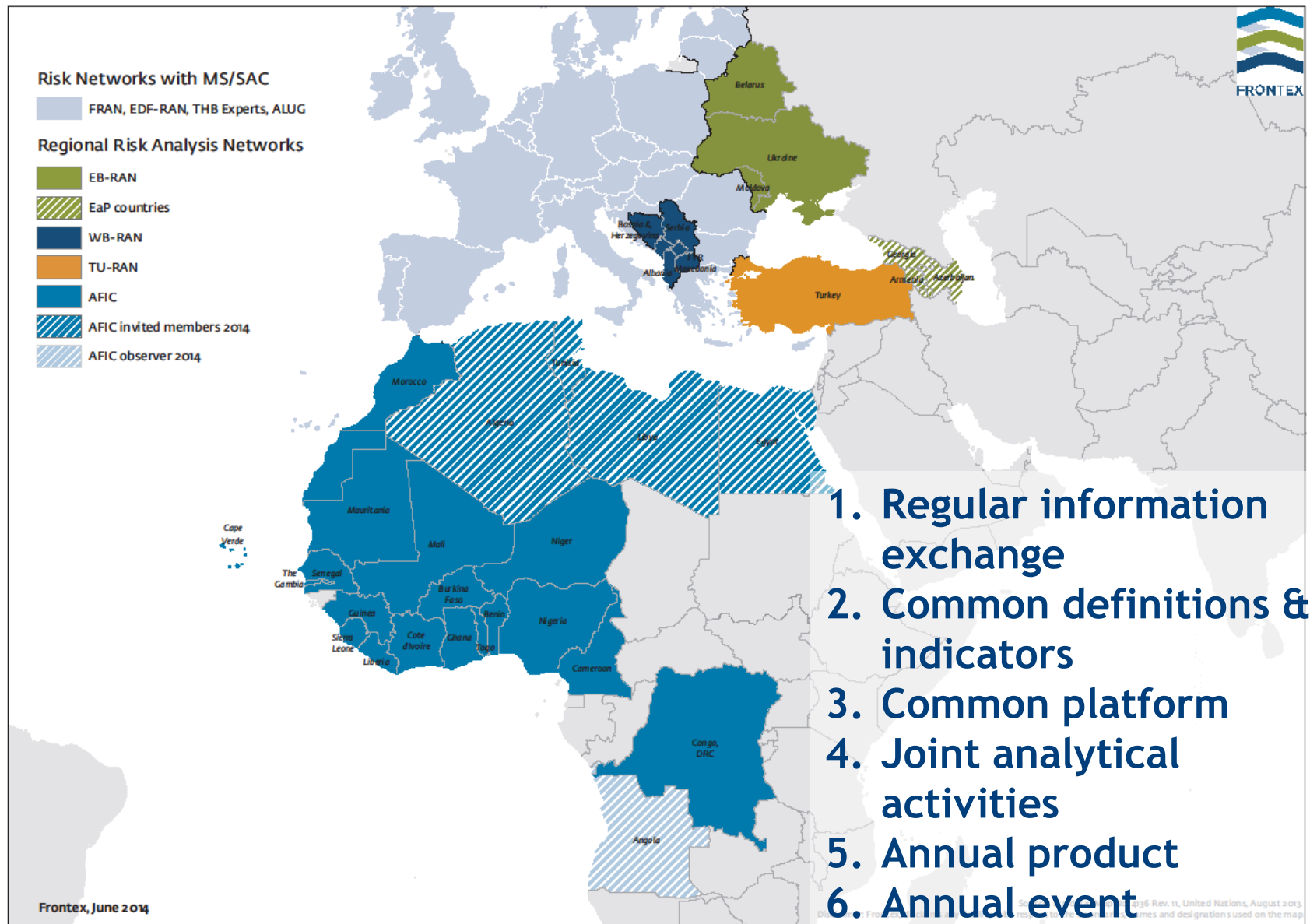
- Collaborative and network-based approach
- CIRAM, common indicators, common definitions
- Regular data collection and regular products

→ Joint analytical activities

→ Creation and sharing of knowledge



Collaborative and network-based approach



Implementation of “Hotspot” approach Italy

- ◇ Integrated and rapid cooperation platform for EU-Agencies
- ◇ Tailored support to MS embedded in JO, use of synergies
- ◇ Coordination and information exchange structure
- ◇ Liaison with EUNAVFOR MED “Sophia”, national authorities, NGOs



**Operational
Coordination**

**Identification
➡ screening**

**Registration
➡ fingerprinting**

**Security check
➡ doc. expertise**



Risk Analysis

Debriefing

PeDRA

**Return
Assistance**



**Investigation
Prosecution**



Asylum

Relocation

Implementation of “Hotspot” approach in Greece



State of play:

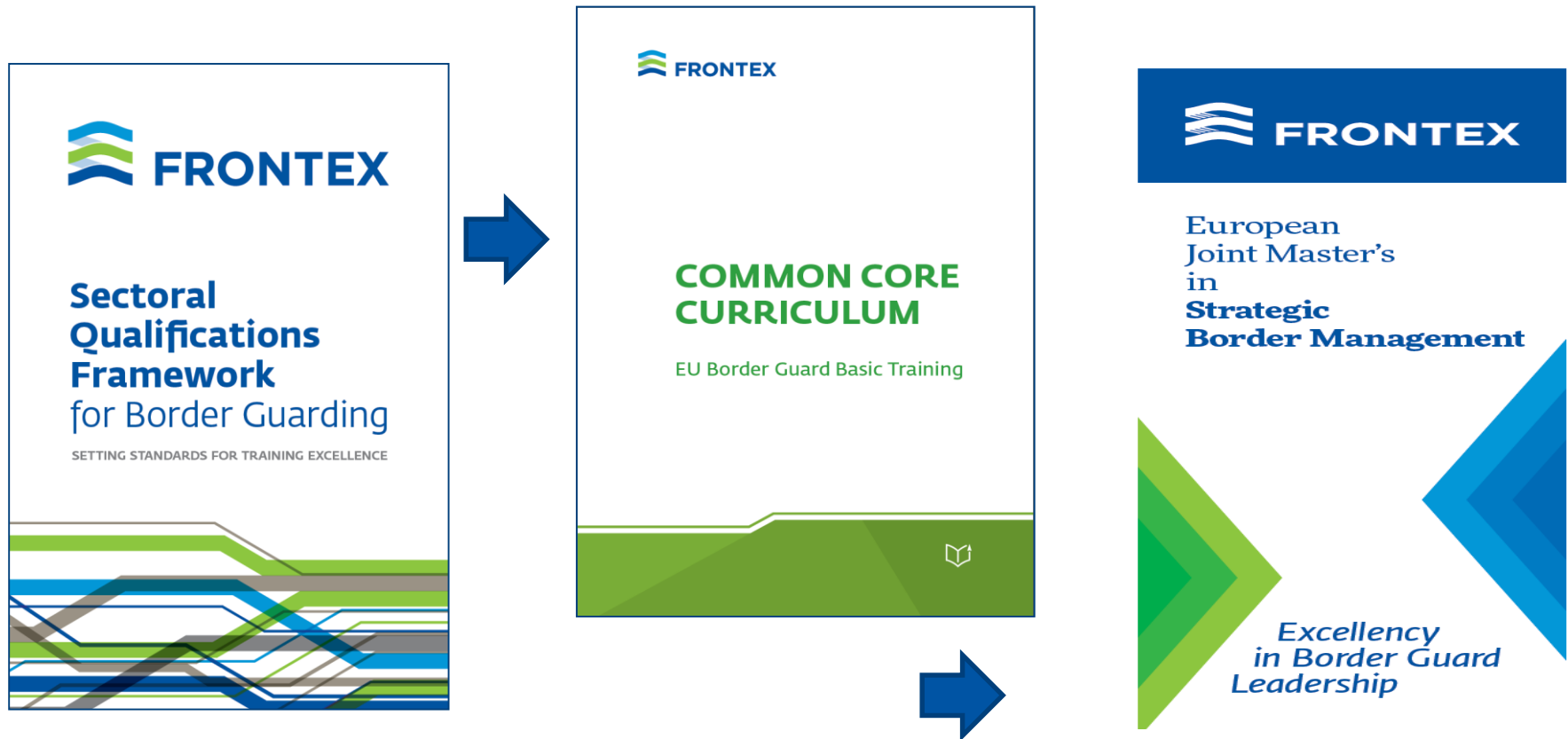
- Frontex Liaison Office under transition into EURTF;
- 5 hotspots with operational activities, however only Lesbos officially activated;
- Coordination between Frontex, Europol, EASO, European Commission and Greek authorities; Standardization of procedures and reinforced support to local authorities;
- Eurodac devices in use, Frontex PP „Registration Package” ongoing;
- Security checks reinforced and practical challenges with working conditions being tackled

3. Support in the development of border management capacities in the MSs Platform for pooling and sharing resources between MSs



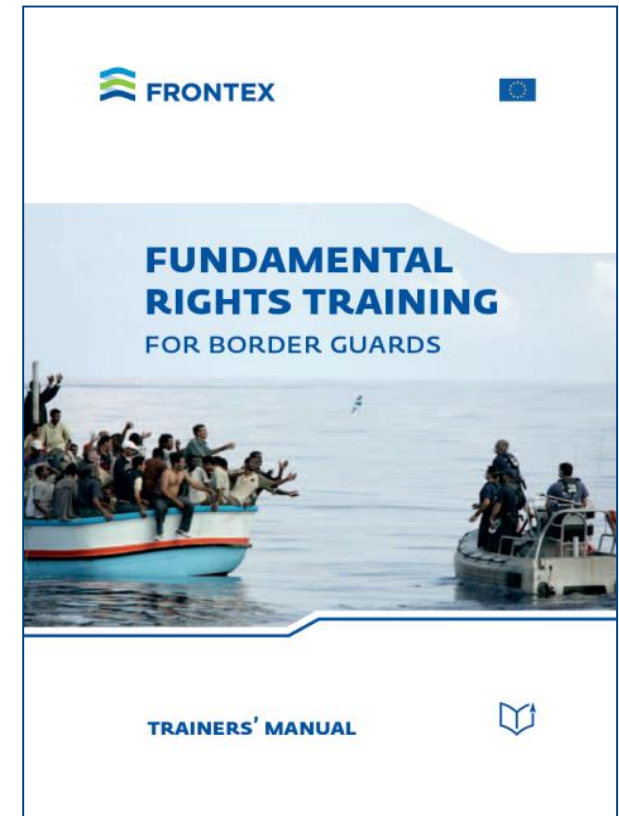
TRAINING

Educational Standards (Common Core Curricula)



Thematic Training Support

- Fundamental Rights
- Anti-Trafficking in Human Beings
- Schengen Evaluators
- False Documents Detection
- English communication for Border Guards
- Risk Assessment
- EUROSUR operators
- Return Operations



Training Infrastructures

- National Training Coordinators
- Partnership Academies
- ICT development
- Cooperation with Partner Countries



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Focused Support:

- EU member states
 - Roll out
 - Suitable solutions
- Regulatory Decision Makers
- Industry, Research and Academia
 - End user needs



Sharing knowledge:

- Best Practice Guidelines
- Workshops / Working Groups
- Targeted studies

Building the Future:

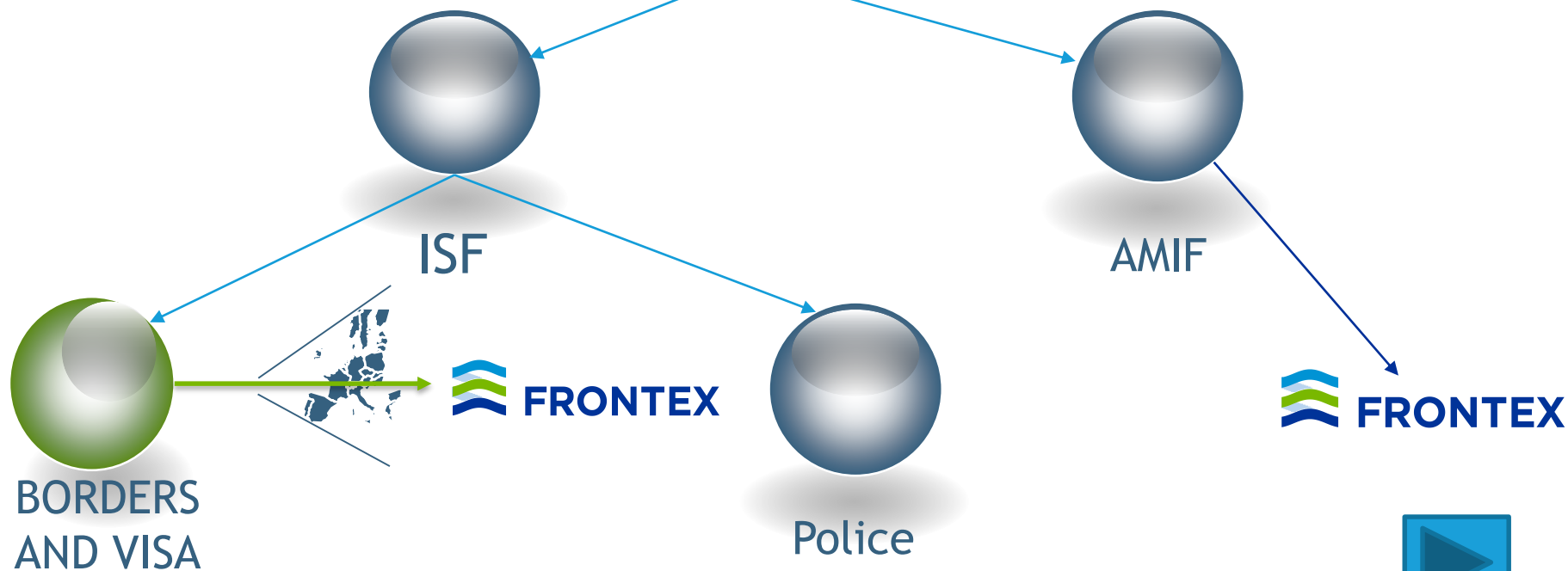
- Strategic positioning
- Development of concepts
- Conferences
- Working Arrangements with non EU states and International Organizations

MULTI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK



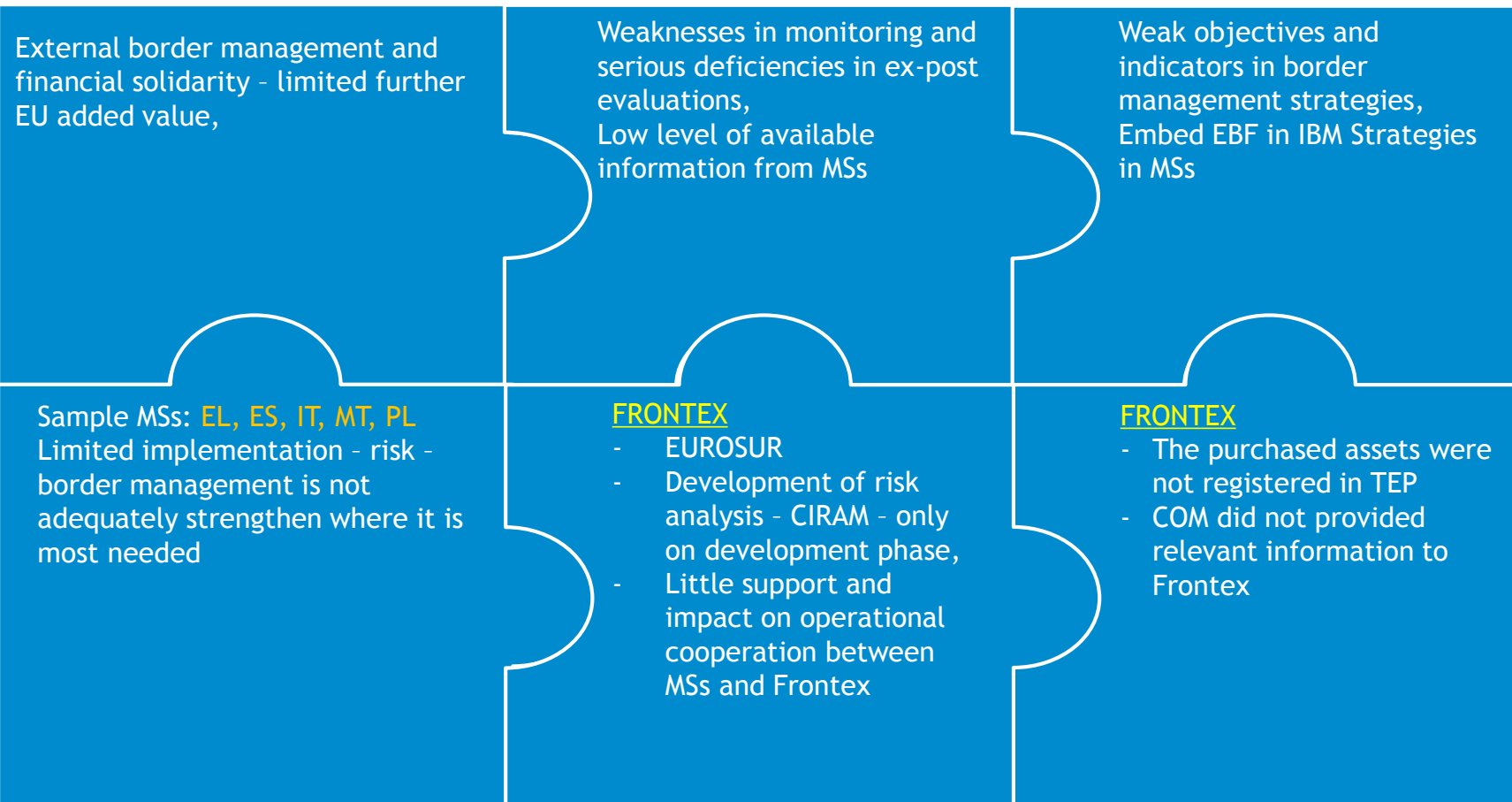
MAIN COMPONENTS - INTERNAL SECURITY

HORIZONTAL REGULATION



BASELINE SITUATION:

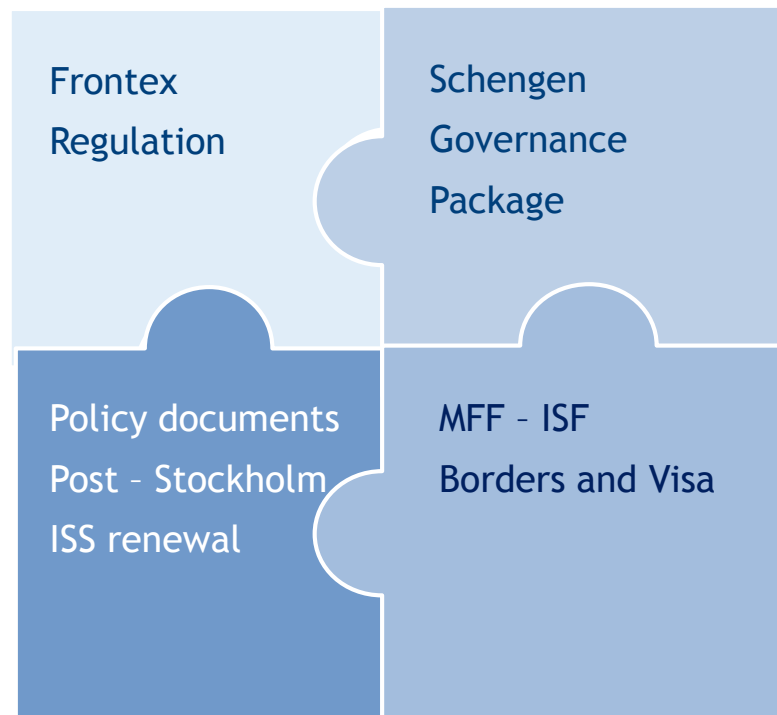
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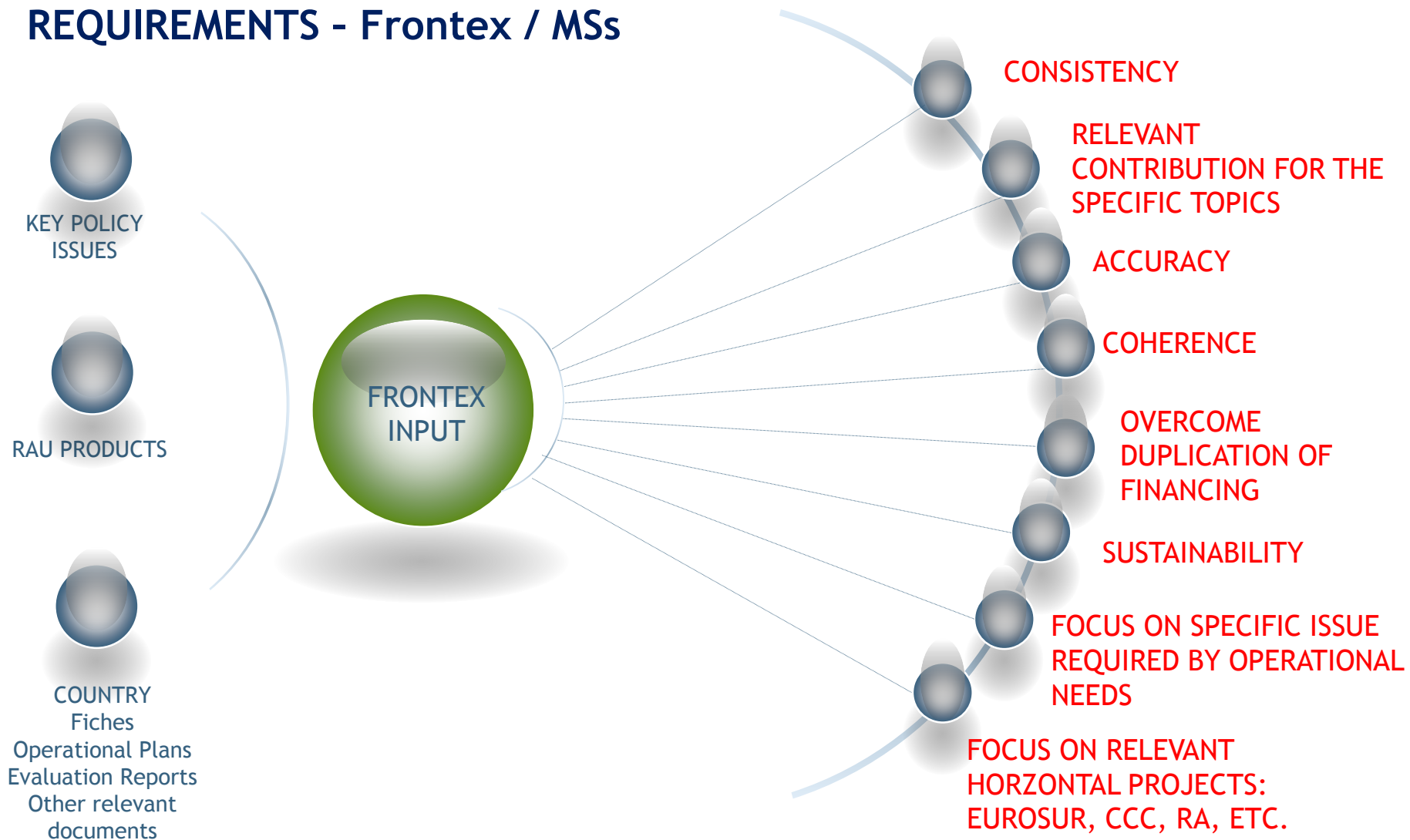
INTER-CONNECTION WITH OTHER LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

Common Areas:

- IBM strategic approach
- RISK ANALYSIS / Assessment
- Technical equipment
- Operating support
- Training
- New technologies
- EUROSUR



REQUIREMENTS - Frontex / MSs



REFLECTIONS:

- **Solidarity** comes hand in hand with **responsibility** in harmonised application of EU Acquis in border management.
- **The shared sovereignty is a clear expression of solidarity in creation of common benefits** (e.g. Cross-border infrastructure, common standards, working practices etc.). One of the core aims of the agency is to develop and promote **common standards for border management** as an intelligent solution to support the extended cooperation between the Mss.
- **Asymetric relations:** the solidarity/support obligation is on Frontex while the other partners, including MSs have no obligation to provide information and cooperate - Frontex welcomes the new legislative proposal on the setting up of EU Border and Coast Guard.
- **In practice, the capacities pledged by Member States are seldom made available either swiftly enough or in the promised numbers. This constant shortage of resources undermines the effectiveness and credibility of EU/Frontex operations considerably.**
- The draft proposal to amend the border management Acquis is an attempt to provide answers to the question: **What do we want to share?** The answer is in the three topics: **reaction capacity** (Frontex could intervene in the case one MS fails to manage its segment of external border), **resources** (mandatory pooling of resources) and **information** of the situation at the borders (vulnerability assessment).
- Frontex should not be used only for financial solidarity but mainly for operational joint activities, development of own capacities in the MSs, pooling and sharing resources.



