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Cooperation area	Implementing partners	EASO	Priority level
Operational cooperation (Chapter II WA)	-		1=high, 2=middle, 3=low priority
Operations			
1. Joint registration pilot (with EU-Lisa). After completion of the report start of follow-up trial based on recommendations. Link to development of Joint Agency position on registration/technical advice to Council Working Parties discussing revised asylum acquis proposals and to HLEG on interoperability and Interconnectivity. (Link to Point 6 below)	RDU, JOU	DOP, DAS	Ongoing, 1
2. Explore synergies between the EASO Origin Verification Tool (for asylum caseworkers) and Screening/ Nationality assumption (for border guards).	TRU, OPD (RSU, JOU), Cabinet	IAU, ASU	1
3. Explore the possibility of developing joint high-level reporting system on operational activities in selected areas and in regular intervals	OPD (FSC)	IAU, ICT and DOP	1 to start asap
4. Explore possibilities regarding information-sharing between agency Situation Centres.	OPD (FSC)	IAU and ICT	2
5. Further develop, on the basis of the SOPs, joint hotspot concept to take full account of current practice and new legislation (asylum acquis, agency regulations – particular stipulations on MMSTs)	OPD (JOU, FSC contributing in the area of information exchange and situation monitoring)	DAS, DOP	Ongoing, 1

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6. Continue cooperation in providing MS with practical information on third countries of origin relevant for the implementation of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation in the field of return	OPD (RSU)	IAU	2
7. Frontex to promote the use of EASO's Col reports by Host Member States, when performing general assessment of a Third Country as set out in Regulation 656/2014	CAB, OPD	IAU	2
8. Promote Access to Procedure Tool (dissemination, implementation, transitions)	TRU, JOU, FRO	ASU	1

Information and Analysis (Chapter III WA)

1. Joint third country analysis/intelligence-sharing (also for Eurosur) – possible joint continuation of EASO country intelligence report pilot	RAU	IAU	1
2. EU-level Expert Group on Information Systems and Interoperability – development of joint positions on most practical use of current and planned EU IT systems for borders and asylum	CAB, RDU, OPD (RAU, FSC)	IAU and ICT	2
3. Coordinate requests for data from Eurodac with the aim of avoiding duplication	RAU	IAU	2
4. Comprehensive quality data collection on returns by EBCG used for analysis purposes	OPD (RAU, RSU, FSC)	IAU	3
5. Exploratory talks on respective roles in voluntary departures/returns	RSU	DOP	3
6. Exchange of Dublin data in support of secondary movement analysis	OPD (RAU, FSC as single PoC)	IAU, OAS	2

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7. Attendance of pre-WOB (weekly operational briefing) of Liaison officer	OPD (RAU, FSC (as the entity in charge of WOB)	IAU	Ongoing
8. Information-exchange in the context of respective Annual Analytical Reports	RAU	IAU	Ongoing
9. EASO support to the annual scenario assessment exercise	RAU	IAU	3
10. Continue exploring possibilities for extending the sharing of monthly statistical information/sharing of analysis	RAU	IAU	2
11. Explore cooperation on social media analysis and monitoring	OPD (RAU, FSC), RDU	IAU, CSU	2

Capacity-building (Chapter IV WA)

Training			
1. Exchange training plans and other training related documents	TRU	TRU	1
2. Participation and mutual cooperation in common thematic training activities (such as Fundamental Rights, THB, etc.)	TRU, JOU, FRO	TRU	1
3. Share knowledge related to pedagogical issues, certification, e-learning, didactics and the use of innovative IT tools to improve learning environments and training evaluation tools	TRU	TRU	2
4. Further develop joint operational training (e.g. screening/admissibility) activities synergies	TRU, OPD (RSU, JOU),	IAU, TRU, UNHCR LO	1
Research			
1. Frontex to nominate representative to EASO Research programme scientific committee	RDU	IAU	2

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2. Explore cooperation between EASO and Frontex on social media research	RDU, FSC	IAU	3
3. Joint access to Frontex debriefing dashboard/EASO literature tool in support of research on migration push and pull factors/root causes and common elaboration of procedures on how to use the data	OPD (FSC, RAU), RDU	IAU	1

Horizontal cooperation (Chapter V WA)			
Strategic			
1. Examine new regulations of both agencies (and relevant parts of asylum acquis) and assess areas where cooperation is needed or desirable	ED/DED LAU, FRO	ED, CSU, ELO	1
2. Exchange of information/advice about asylum acquis	ED/DED, FRO	IAU, DAS and ELO	Ongoing
Administration			
1. Explore synergies on Agency recruitment and procurement	CGO (HRS, FCS)	DOA	2
2. Exchange information on current contracts in operational areas and FCS	CGO (HRS, FCS)	DOA	Ongoing
3. Exchange information on terms and conditions for all types of deployed staff in hotspots in view of streamlining them	CGO (HRS, FCS)	DOA	Ongoing
Consultative forum			
1. Promote attendance of each agency's CF and participation in their initiatives as appropriate	CF	CSO and ELO	Ongoing
2. Investigate possible joint activities/synergies between the respective CF	CAB, CF, FRO	CSO, ED	TBD

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3. Exchange of information on the working methods of the respective CF	CF, CGO, FRO	CSO, ED	TBD
Information exchange			
EASO Liaison officer to provide regular weekly reporting to executive management of both agencies	ED, DED	ELO	1
Confidentiality and personal data			
Review both agencies' practices/systems for handling of EU restricted and personal data in light of new regulations and within respective EASO framework in place	OPD (RAU, FSC), LAU, DPO, HRS	IAU, ICT, DAS	2
External dimension			
Liaison officer to facilitate the implementation of technical assistance joint projects (e.g. IPA II; also possible new initiatives).	CBP/IEC	ELO/OP/DAS	Ongoing

Acronyms:

EASO

DAS – Department of Asylum Support
 TRU – Training Unit
 ASU – Asylum Support Unit
 DOP – Department of Operations
 IAU – Information and Analysis Unit
 ICT – Information, Communication, Technology
 CSU – Communications & Stakeholders
 ELO – EASO Liaison Officer
 DDA – Department of Administration
 CSO – Civil Society Officer

Frontex

ED – Executive Director
 DED – Deputy Executive Director
 CAB – Cabinet
 CGO – Corporate Governance: LAU – Legal Affairs Unit, HRS – Human Resources and Security Unit, FCS – Financial and Corporate Services Unit
 OPD – Operation Division: JOU – Joint Operations Unit, RSU – Return Support Unit, FSC – Frontex Situation Centre, RAU – Risk Analysis Unit
 CBP – Capacity Building Division: RDU – Research and Development Unit, TRU – Training Unit, IEC – International and European Cooperation
 DPO – Data Protection Officer
 FRO – Fundamental Rights Officer



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