

Mr/Ms [REDACTED]

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Warsaw, 29 June 2022

## Your application for access to European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) documents

Dear Mr/Ms [REDACTED]

In reference to your application registered on 13 June 2022, asking for access to

*Alle Präsentationen, die auf der Veranstaltung der "Europäischen Küstenwachen" in Warschau am 31. Mai und 1. Juni 2022 gehalten wurden, außerdem die Teilnehmerliste*

thus

*All presentations made at the "European Coast Guards" event in Warsaw on May 31 and June 1, 2022, as well as the list of participants*

Please be informed that Frontex can grant you access to the documents, which are herewith attached.

Kindly note, however, that some limited parts of these documents had to be expunged as they contain:

- personal data, and/or characteristic features which could lead to the identification of individuals. The disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with European Union legislation regarding the protection of personal data and therefore has to be precluded pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001<sup>1</sup>.
- detailed information regarding the modus operandi of law enforcement officials performing border control and/or coast guard duties. Disclosing such information would expose the working methods applied in ongoing and future operations, thus obstructing their effectiveness in prevention of cross-border crime and unauthorized border crossings. In consequence, disclosing this information by itself but especially in combination with other sources would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security and thus, cannot be disclosed pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001
- detailed information related to reporting tools and methods used by law enforcement officials to conduct border control tasks and counter criminal activities. Its disclosure would jeopardise the

<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

implementation of ongoing and future operations, and thus facilitate irregular migration and trafficking in human beings as the effectiveness of law enforcement measures would be significantly reduced. As disclosing this information by itself but especially in combination with other sources would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security, these parts are not disclosed pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

- details of the operational area of an ongoing operation which cannot be released as it would provide smuggling and other criminal networks with intelligence, enabling them to change their modus operandi, which would ultimately put the life of migrants in danger. Consequently, the course of ongoing and future operations of similar nature would be hampered by depriving the operations of any strategy and element of surprise, ultimately defeating their purpose to counter and prevent cross-border crime and unauthorised border crossings. In this light, the disclosure of documents containing such information by itself but especially in combination with other sources would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security within the meaning of Article 4(1)(a) first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

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Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, within 15 working days of the receipt of this reply, you may submit a confirmatory application.

A confirmatory application, indicating the reference of your initial application, may be submitted electronically to: <https://pad.frontex.europa.eu/padrequests/create>,

by mail to: European Border and Coast Guard Agency, Transparency Office,  
pl. Europejski 6, 00-844 Warsaw/Poland

or by email to: [pad@frontex.europa.eu](mailto:pad@frontex.europa.eu) or [frontex@frontex.europa.eu](mailto:frontex@frontex.europa.eu).

Based on Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, Frontex will reply within 15 working days from the registration of such application.

Yours sincerely,

[Decision signed electronically]  
*Case Handler of the Transparency Office*