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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has just finalised the negotiation, on behalf of the EU, of a status agreement, as provided for in Article 73(3) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation¹, with Bosnia and Herzegovina. This agreement would allow for the deployment of border management teams of the European Border and Coast Guard standing corps, by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex), to Bosnia and Herzegovina upon the request of the relevant authorities. Status agreements are already in place with Albania², Moldova³, Montenegro⁴, North Macedonia⁵ and Serbia⁶.

On 27 January 2025, the Council adopted a decision on the signing of the status agreement and transmitted the agreement to the European Parliament for its consent, in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1052/2013 and (EU) 2016/1624. OJ L 295, 14.11.2019, p. 1.

² Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Albania on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of Albania. OJ L, 2023/2107, 5.10.2023.

³ Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of Moldova. OJ L 91, 18.3.2022, p. 4.

⁴ Agreement between the European Union and Montenegro on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Montenegro. OJ L 140, 30.5.2023, p. 4.

⁵ Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of North Macedonia on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of North Macedonia. OJ L 61, 27/02/2023, p. 3.

⁶ Status Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Serbia on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of Serbia. OJ L 202, 25.6.2020, p. 3.