

# The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX)

**Summary:** The European Border and Coast Guard Agency.

**At stake:** Particularly pertinent given the UK is an island nation, and the EU has proven ambitions to run maritime policy.



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**What they say:** “Vision: The European Area of Freedom, Security and Justice” – FRONTEX

**Exposure:** Unclear. Institutional entanglements should fall but some may be maintained.

**Action:** HMG should cooperate in policing the European continental edge (the EU’s “external waters”) as a *quid pro quo* for a default of total forceable return of all illegal migrants crossing the Channel. This may support, but need not be, through FRONTEX; should also be conditional on good order in fisheries management; and only apply in the Mediterranean (without compromising Sovereign Base Area (SBA) provisions).



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