



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA  
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

H.E. Magnus Brunner  
Member of the European Commission

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**Frontex antenna office in Estonia**

Dear Magnus,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your positive opinion regarding the establishment of a Frontex antenna office in Estonia. This initiative represents a significant step forward in reinforcing our cooperation and ensuring the security of the Schengen area.

The decentralisation of Frontex operations will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the Agency's overall operational efficiency. In this context, it is of the utmost importance to bring operational command structures as close to the external border as possible. Estonia has consistently offered its full support and facilities to ensure the smooth setup of both the antenna office and the quick reaction force, and we stand ready to provide any further assistance required.

However, I must express the Estonian Government's concerns regarding the mixed signals we have recently received from the Agency regarding the final location of the office. For the Estonian Government, it is of vital importance that the antenna office and the quick reaction force are located in Narva, rather than Tallinn. This aligns directly with our earlier agreement with the Executive Director of Frontex.

Narva sits directly on the external border of the European Union, placing the office right in the heart of ongoing operations. Establishing the antenna there would send a powerful political signal that the European Union is visibly present exactly where it is needed most. I fondly recall our productive joint visit to Narva last year, which highlighted the strategic importance of this location.

Furthermore, I wish to stress that any concerns raised regarding the working environment in Narva are entirely unfounded. Narva is a safe community with excellent infrastructure, a strong and continuous presence of Estonian security agencies, and a long, proven tradition in robust border management.

I kindly ask for your support in ensuring that the Agency adheres to its earlier commitments to establish the antenna office and quick reaction force in Narva. Thank you for your continued partnership and shared dedication to securing the external borders of the European Union

Yours Sincerely,

Igor Taro  
Minister of the Interior