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## **SPEAKER**

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## **VITA**

Mr. Erik Berglund is Director of Capacity Building at Frontex. He joined Frontex in March 2007 as Head of the Research and Development Unit working with research relevant for the control and surveillance of the EU external borders. His previous experience includes 20 years at the Swedish Defence Research Agency, where he served in various positions, and two years as Senior Policy Officer at the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague. Mr. Berglund holds a master's degree in Engineering Physics from the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, an engineer's degree in Aeronautics from the US Naval Postgraduate School, and an MBA from Stockholm University.





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## **ABSTRACT**

### **“Development of European border capacities”**

The European Union is developing capacities to strengthen the security at the external borders. The two major European initiatives concern the development of the European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR) and an entry/exit system based on biometrics for border checks. EUROSUR, which will have an emphasis on the southern maritime borders, presents many challenges for the Member States and the European bodies. The perhaps most important issue is interoperability between the different organisations involved with border management. The security research in the EU Framework Programme will play an important role in developing technologies that will need to be fielded by the Member States. In this context Frontex supports the Commission and the Member States in the development of the future capacities.