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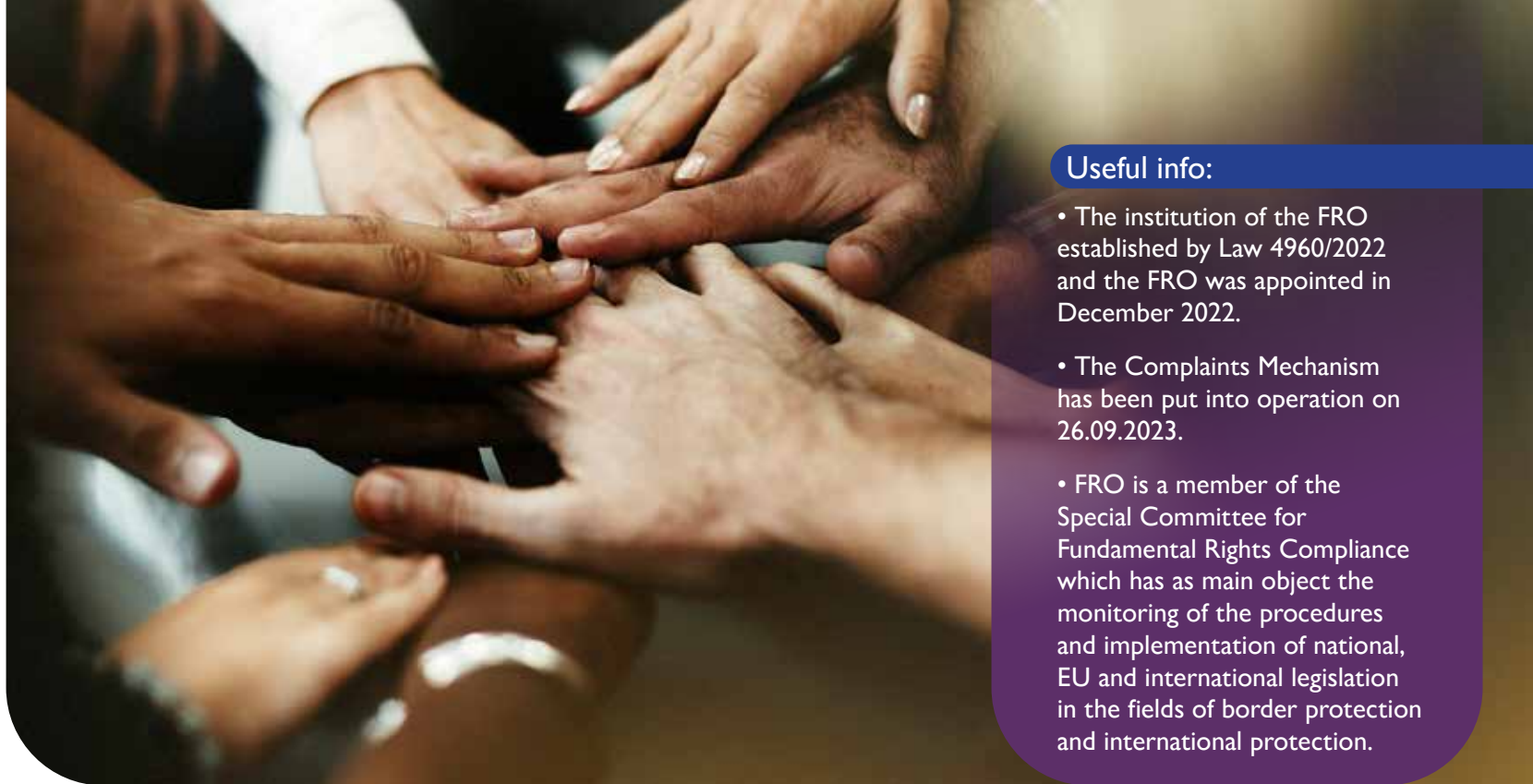
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The project seeks to strengthen and streamline the respect, protection and fulfillment of fundamental rights in border management activities in Greece and Cyprus, working over the following main pillars:

- Research, development and application of a national Fundamental Rights Strategy and a corresponding Action Plan in Greece.
- Training and education on fundamental rights compliance at the borders, targeting border and migration management frontline staff in Greece and Cyprus, including the creation of relevant training material.

- Awareness-raising, exchange opportunities and knowledge-sharing between Greece and Cyprus to exchange and replicate best practices, with eventual benefits for other EU Member States.

- The institution of the FRO as the implementation of the country's commitment to respect Fundamental Rights.
- **Greece is the only EU country that has created the institution of the FRO at national level.**



Useful info:

- The institution of the FRO established by Law 4960/2022 and the FRO was appointed in December 2022.
- The Complaints Mechanism has been put into operation on 26.09.2023.
- FRO is a member of the Special Committee for Fundamental Rights Compliance which has as main object the monitoring of the procedures and implementation of national, EU and international legislation in the fields of border protection and international protection.

The Fundamental Rights Officer (FRO) at the Ministry of Migration and Asylum:

- Acts autonomously and is independent in the performance of his duties.
- Examines, at a preliminary stage, complaints from third country nationals for alleged violations of fundamental rights during access to territory and/or reception and/or asylum procedures in Greece.
- Transfers the admissible complaints to the National Transparency Authority or to other competent authorities.