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to the Commission

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Subject: Financial support to Member States to protect themselves from uncontrolled immigration, Islamist terrorism and cross-border crime

The German Government has recently reintroduced temporary controls at its internal borders to counter threats related to Islamist terrorism and cross-border crime, in particular due to uncontrolled migration flows.

However, the lack of technical and human resources makes it impossible to guarantee the effectiveness of controls. Andreas Roßkopf, Chairman of the Federal Police Union, said the following on regional radio SWR1: ‘Drone surveillance, recognition of number plates, mobile control posts: we are going to need all of this to finally be able to tackle smugglers on an equal footing’¹.

It is thus essential to strengthen Member States’ capacities to protect their internal borders, while respecting their national sovereignty.

Does the Commission intend to make EU funds available to support Member States in acquiring surveillance equipment and equipment to carry out controls, as well as any other materials needed to effectively secure their internal borders?

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¹ <https://www.swr.de/swr1/tp/programm/grenzkontrollen-interview-mit-andreas-rosskopf-gdp-bundespolizei-100.html>