

Question for written answer E-001066/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Police staff shortages in North Evros

The North Evros police authorities are facing serious staff shortages, despite the fact that the region is critical for the security of the European Union's external borders. This understaffing results in a strain on the police officers in service, with there often not being enough staff members available to cover the required shifts. Existing staff have had to take on increased responsibilities, such as border guarding, tackling irregular migration and criminal activities and meeting the needs of the local population.

The lack of modern equipment and vehicles makes the work of police officers even more difficult, as patrols take place in vast and inaccessible areas with inadequate means. Local authorities are calling for services to be immediately reinforced with additional staff, as well as for logistical infrastructure to be improved to ensure adequate border guarding and the security of the region.

In light of the above, can the Commission say:

1. Is there a way to provide additional support to police services in border regions, which are the de facto borders of Europe?
2. How does it ensure that the Greek authorities are making good use of European funds to meet the increasing requirements involved in guarding the EU's external borders in the Evros region?

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