

**Question for written answer E-003316/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Is Seahorse Advanced replacing the SIVE network on West Africa's Atlantic coast?

Part of the EU-funded Seahorse Mediterranean project, a Mediterranean border cooperation centre (MEBOCC) was intended to connect North African partner states and Eurosur in the Mediterranean Sea, as the central node of the Seahorse Network. It was supposed to receive liaison officers from third countries and serve as an international coordination centre for joint patrols with Frontex. The Commission has now announced that NDICI-Global Europe funds will be used to extend the Seahorse Network to countries on the Atlantic coast of West Africa. This new Seahorse Advanced (A) project is being implemented in close connection with Frontex and Eurosur. It remains unclear how this project relates to Spanish surveillance and communication system SIVE, which has already been in place for two decades along the Atlantic route and upon which Seahorse Mediterranean was originally based.

1. How does Seahorse Advanced (A) relate to the existing Spanish SIVE system on the Atlantic coast of West Africa, and to what extent does the SIVE system still exist?
2. What technical infrastructure is being built or upgraded under Seahorse Advanced (A), and what role is being played by similar coordination centres for the national coastguards of the EU Mediterranean states?
3. What does the Commission or Frontex know about the progress and implementation of the previously planned EU-funded MEBOCC or similar coordination centres in the Mediterranean, and which non-EU coastguards are involved?

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