

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002716/24
to the Commission
Özlem Demirel (The Left)
(2 December 2024)**

Subject: Frontex contracts with HawkEye 360

Frontex uses HawkEye 360 satellite technology to analyse electronic signals such as VHF radio, maritime X-band radio, satellite phones and AIS transponders to create an enhanced maritime 'situational awareness' in the Mediterranean.

For the risk analysis of shipping, HawkEye 360 works together with Amazon's ML Solutions Lab to detect hidden patterns and relationships using AI. Frontex awarded a new EUR 5 million contract to HawkEye 360 without there being a public invitation to tender. It remains unclear whether Frontex can also analyse radar emissions from vessels.

1. What tasks were to be performed by HawkEye 360, and to what extent are Amazon Cloud services also involved?
2. Since the start of operations of Eurosur, what similar contracts have been awarded by Frontex to companies providing similar aggregation and risk analysis services of public and non-public data to enhance situational awareness?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
(6 February 2025)**

As the question regarding 'Frontex contracts with HawkEye 360' falls entirely under the responsibility of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex), the Commission has asked the Agency to provide an answer to the questions raised by the Honourable Member.

The Agency's reply will be sent to the Honourable Member by the Commission as soon as possible.

See annexes: Annex 1, Annex 2.
