

*(English version)*

**Question for written answer E-000908/25  
to the Commission  
Özlem Demirel (The Left)  
(4 March 2025)**

*Subject:* Open-source monitoring by Frontex

Frontex monitors social media in order to identify groups of people moving towards the EU's external borders in an organised manner. The Agency's 2022-2024 Programming Document makes reference to media monitoring and reporting, including open-source intelligence (OSINT). The findings obtained are passed on to the Member States.

1. What techniques does Frontex use to monitor social media, and what products from which manufacturers are used?
2. What data are collected in the process and passed on to the Member States?
3. What data cannot yet be collected, and to what extent are the Commission and Frontex seeking to extend the relevant mandate in order to do so?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission  
(24 April 2025)**

As the questions fall under the responsibility of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex), the Commission has asked the Agency to provide a response to the questions raised by the Honourable Member. The Commission will send the Agency's reply to the Honourable Member as soon as possible.

With respect to the revision of the Agency's mandate, the Commission is currently analysing options for strengthening of Frontex, in line with the Political Guidelines 2024-2029 <sup>(1)</sup>.

See annexes: Annex 1, Annex 2.

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<sup>(1)</sup> [https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648\\_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029\\_EN.pdf](https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf)