

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001723/25
to the Commission
Afroditi Latinopoulou (PfE)
(30 April 2025)**

Subject: Threats at the external borders — the role of Frontex

The European Union is failing to secure its external borders, while irregular migration flows are rising dangerously. Instead of acting as a deterrent, Frontex remains cumbersome, largely ineffective and lacking in effective operational power. Frontline Member States, such as Greece, are basically tackling a European crisis alone. The Commission should clarify whether it really intends to strengthen Frontex or whether it will continue to sacrifice European security in the name of ‘solidarity’ without borders.

In light of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. To what extent does it consider that Frontex is adequately fulfilling its role of defending external borders, especially in light of the recent tensions in Evros, the Canary Islands and the Mediterranean?
2. Are there any plans to step-up Frontex’s competences so that it can immediately gain an operational deterrence capability?
3. What sort of cooperation is there with military and national border guard forces?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
(1 July 2025)**

The core mandate of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) is to support Member States in external border management and returns.

The support of Frontex is invaluable to Member States’ ability to manage the EU’s external borders safely and effectively. Furthermore, the Commission continues to attach great importance to ensuring that the Agency has sufficient human and financial resources for the fulfilment of its tasks.

Frontex has a broad mandate to comprehensively support the Member States in managing migration at their sections of EU external borders. Nonetheless, the Commission will assess this issue in detail in the process of preparing the review of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 ⁽¹⁾.

As question three falls under the responsibility of Frontex, the Commission has asked the Agency to provide an answer to the question 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.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1052/2013 and (EU) 2016/1624, OJ L 295, 14.11.2019, p. 1-131.