

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000234/26
to the Commission
Özlem Demirel (The Left)
(21 January 2026)**

Subject: Frontex firearms and use of force training

In 2025, Frontex put out to tender two training services for the Standing Corps. This included firearms training costing EUR 2.3 million, as well as training in restraint techniques amounting to EUR 700 000, each lasting for two years with the possibility of extension. Neither of the tender procedures received suitable bids during the submission period.

1. Where has the firearms and use of force training for the Standing Corps (Category C) taken place so far and what modules did it include?
2. In the Commission's view, what are the reasons behind the lack of suitable bids in either of the calls for tender and upon republishing, what deadlines and changes did or will they contain?
3. What action does Frontex plan to take if there are once again no suitable bidders and to what extent should future firearms and use of force training take place in Frontex's own training centre in Warsaw?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
(17 March 2026)**

The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) is a decentralised EU agency and procurement decisions are taken by Frontex under its applicable rules and under its responsibility. The Commission does not directly manage, nor award the Agency's contracts and does not exercise any supervision role over Frontex' procurement activities.

Accordingly, the Commission is not mandated to receive any information about the reasons leading to unsuccessful tendering procedures due to unsuitable tenders and consequently cannot comment on any deadlines or changes to be introduced where those procedures are to be republished. These elements fall entirely under Frontex's responsibility as contracting authority.

As sub-questions one and three fall under the responsibility of 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.

See annexes: Annex 1, Annex 2.
