

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000523/26
to the Commission
Tineke Strik (Verts/ALE)
(9 February 2026)**

Subject: Frontex pilot project Eurosur Fusion Services Multipurpose Aerial Surveillance in Cape Verde

Under the operation Eurosur Fusion Services Multipurpose Aerial Surveillance in Cape Verde, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) is running a pilot project under which aerial situational awareness activities are conducted in Cape Verde. As established in Article 76 of Regulation 1896/2019, Frontex's external action is developed in close coordination with the Commission.

1. Does the Commission consider the working arrangement between Frontex and Cape Verde to provide a substantial legal basis for the activities under the pilot project, and if so under what provision of activities described in the working arrangement?
2. If the aforementioned working arrangement is not considered the legal basis for this pilot, could the Commission detail the project's legal basis and is it going to share this document with Parliament, in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation 1896/2019?
3. Which specific assets are being used to perform the aerial situational awareness activities under the pilot project?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
(23 April 2026)**

The legal basis for pilot projects of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) is Regulation 2019/1896⁽¹⁾, in particular Article 66(4) thereof, which provides that Frontex may plan and implement pilot projects regarding matters covered by its tasks under that regulation, and Article 10(1)(x) thereof, which defines the development of pilot projects 'for the carrying out of activities as provided for in this regulation'.

The activities conducted under the pilot project fall under the activities which may be conducted under pilot projects in the field of the European Border Surveillance system fusion services as listed in Article 28 of Regulation 2019/1896. Furthermore, under Article 73(7) of Regulation 2019/1896, Frontex should make pilot projects with third countries public.

As sub-question three falls under the responsibility of Frontex, the Commission has asked the Agency to provide a response to the question 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.

⁽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, pp. 1. ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/1896/oj>.