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**Question for written answer E-000772/26
to the Commission
Mariusz Kamiński (ECR)
(24 February 2026)**

Subject: Involvement of an FSB-licensed company in the development of EU critical infrastructure — the Entry/Exit System

The Entry/Exit System is essential for the effective monitoring of who actually enters and remains in the EU. It is an extremely complex system with high operational criticality and involving the processing of particularly sensitive data, which gives rise to numerous risks and makes it a highly attractive target for hostile intelligence services and hackers. The entire process of establishing and operating the system should therefore be subject to special protection and strict controls.

A year ago, the Financial Times revealed that the system contractor, the French company Atos, had outsourced the purchase of software for this sensitive project to employees of its Russian branch, raising serious questions about the security of the digital infrastructure used to manage the EU's external borders. The published documents suggested that the Atos branch in Moscow operated under a licence that allowed the FSB to interfere in its activities. The case was investigated by the European Public Prosecutor's Office and OLAF, institutions specialising in combating financial fraud rather than assessing cybersecurity threats. Despite their lack of specialisation in this area, they found that the measures taken internally by EU-Lisa to address the 'security issue' were insufficient ⁽¹⁾.

1. How serious a threat was posed by the involvement of a Russian company licensed by the FSB in creating the Entry/Exit System?
2. What consequences did the companies responsible face for delays and for jeopardising the security of the entire system, including by allowing people without the required credentials — but who were very likely working for the Russian intelligence services — to participate in its creation?
3. Can the Commission guarantee that the Entry/Exit System meets the highest standards of security and data protection, commensurate with its status as EU critical infrastructure?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
(12 June 2026)**

The questions raised by the Honourable Member fall under the remit of the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA). The Commission will send the reply by eu-LISA to the Honourable Member as soon as possible.

¹ <https://www.ft.com/content/15412552-32e3-4ec5-afc3-074cfeac20cb>