

(English version)

Question for written answer E-001623/26
to the Commission
Özlem Demirel (The Left)
(21 April 2026)

Subject: Frontex takeover of the FADO database

Since the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2020/493, Frontex has been legally responsible for the ‘False and Authentic Documents Online’ (FADO) system, which EU Member States use to distinguish between forged and genuine travel documents. The database is to be transferred to the new EBCG FADO platform in order to harmonise the systems and improve document checks at the external borders.

1. When was the full takeover of the FADO database by Frontex — including the new EBCG FADO platform — initially planned, and for when is it currently foreseen or actually taking place?
2. What technical, organisational or data protection issues relating to the takeover or operation of FADO by Frontex are known to the Council and Frontex as the cause of the delay, and who is responsible for this (including with regard to any potential compensation)?
3. Is Frontex planning or considering an interim solution, and is there also a plan to replace FADO with a completely new integrated document and identity verification system?

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

Regulation (EU) 2020/493 of 30 March 2020 on the False and Authentic Documents Online (FADO) system ⁽¹⁾ does not provide a date or timeline for the takeover of the FADO system by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex).

Article 6(1) provides that the Commission is to adopt an implementing act in order to determine the date of the effective implementation of the FADO system by the Agency.

This act should only be adopted by the Commission after verifying that the conditions listed in Article 6(2) have been met. To date, the Commission has not received the notifications required by Article 6(2), points (b) and (c).

The Commission is not in a position to comment on behalf of the Council. With regard to Frontex, the Commission has asked the Agency to provide a response to the questions raised by the Honourable Member and will send the replies as soon as possible.

Pending the reply from the Agency, more information about the creation of the new European Border and Coast Guard False and Authentic Documents Online system is available on the website of the Agency ⁽²⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2020/493 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 March 2020 on the False and Authentic Documents Online (FADO) system and repealing Council Joint Action 98/700/JHA, OJ L 107, 6.4.2020, pp. 1-8.

⁽²⁾ <https://www.frontex.europa.eu/media-centre/news/news-release/frontex-raises-the-bar-in-document-security-with-new-digital-image-standards-sxvYEV>.