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**Question for written answer E-003172/26  
to the Commission  
Özlem Demirel (The Left)  
(30 July 2026)**

*Subject:* Frontex weapons and coercive equipment

The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) plans to set up a standing corps of 10 000 officials organised in four different categories by 2027. Category 1 is to have its own technical equipment and weapons. According to the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation, the management board establishes rules on the storage of weapons, ammunition and other equipment in secured facilities and their transportation to the relevant operational area.

1. What quantity of firearms and other coercive equipment — such as pepper spray, batons, handcuffs and bullet-proof vests — has Frontex procured to date, and where are these weapons and items currently stored or used, and in what quantities?
2. What legal arrangements has Frontex made for the acquisition, storage and transport of weapons and their transportation to another country, and what other legal issues still need to be addressed in this regard?
3. In which countries do standing corps officers (Category c) carry weapons provided by the host country and in which countries do they carry weapons issued by Frontex?

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

As the question falls under the responsibility of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex), the Commission has asked Frontex 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.

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