EN
E-003451/2026
Answer given by Mr Brunner
on behalf of the European Commission
(16.10.2026)

The EU has to date not launched any capability-based research calls with focus on lie detection for use in border checks. Regarding the 2016 ‘iBorderCtrl’ project[1] to which the Honourable Member refers, it responded to a call on ‘Border crossing points: novel mobility concepts for land border security’ under the Horizon 2020 programme[2]. The project focused on travel facilitation tools, and beneficiaries used the concept ‘deception detection’ to describe one strand of their project.

Compliance of research projects with ethical principles and applicable EU law is ensured by the ethics review, with outcomes becoming contractual responsibilities for the beneficiaries. The ownership of research results and the responsibility of carrying out the research remain with the beneficiaries.

EU-funded research contributes to European knowledge on technologies and inform evidence-based policy, but it does not imply policy endorsement, further operational deployment or validation.

[1] https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/700626.
[2] https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-2020_en.