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on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Any items and measures funded by the EU must comply with the EU *acquis* and ensure the respect of human rights in line with the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights¹ and international obligations. The Commission considers that EU funds are best used to support an integrated approach to border management, in line with EU law and European values, to ensure that irregular border crossings are detected and migration and asylum are properly managed.
2. Accordingly, the Commission has been actively supporting efficient border management solutions, such as border surveillance, in compliance with EU law, including on fundamental rights. Concretely the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (BMVI), established in the programming period 2021-2027², finances mobile and stationary units, border surveillance systems and equipment, refurbishment of border crossing points, new installations for IT systems, and the maintenance of equipment. As regards their effectiveness, the Commission is carrying out a mid-term evaluation of the BMVI to examine its effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and EU added value. The results of this evaluation will be made publicly available.
3. The Political Guidelines of the President-elect for the next Commission 2024-2029³, presented to the European Parliament on 18 July 2024, set out the envisaged actions for stronger common borders and the management of migration.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/aid-development-cooperation-fundamental-rights/your-rights-eu/eu-charter-fundamental-rights_en

² https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/funding/borders-and-visa-funds/integrated-border-management-fund-border-management-and-visa-instrument-2021-27_en#:~:text=IBMF%20is%20set%20up%20for,billion%20for%20the%20same%20period.

³ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf