

(English version)

**Priority question for written answer P-001246/25
to the Commission
Mary Khan (ESN)
(25 March 2025)**

Subject: EU funding of physical barriers to secure the external borders

In Commissioner Magnus Brunner's response to Question E-002879/2024, he states that 'it is legally possible for Member States to request EU funding for physical barriers to secure the EU's external borders' ⁽¹⁾.

Can the Commission please answer the following questions:

1. Have any Member States applied for EU funding for physical barriers for the purpose of securing the EU's external borders?
2. If so, how much funding has been requested, and which Member States have submitted request(s)?
3. Have the request(s) for EU funding been approved?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
(26 June 2025)**

Member States have not applied for EU funding for physical barriers for the purpose of securing the EU external borders under the Instrument for Border Management and Visa Policy (BMVI) in the 2021-2027 programming period ⁽¹⁾.

The BMVI contributes, among others, to the specific objective of supporting effective European integrated border management at the external borders by facilitating legitimate border crossings, preventing and detecting illegal immigration and cross-border crime and effectively managing migratory flows.

The BMVI funds actions to improve border controls and border surveillance capabilities, including border surveillance systems and equipment, information technology systems, mobile and stationary units as well as the maintenance of equipment ⁽²⁾.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-002879-ASW_EN.html.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy, OJ L 251, 15.7.2021, p. 48-93, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1148/oj>.

⁽²⁾ Information on funding to the Member States for border management at the EU's external borders is available in the Commission webpage: https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/funding_en.