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Answer given by Mr Brunner
on behalf of the European Commission
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As the Commission noted in its reply to written question E-000777/2024¹, the Commission became aware of the existence of this account in July 2023 in particular through a letter to the President of the Commission from 16 Members of the European Parliament. At the time, the Commission contacted Frontex to establish whether there had been any association between the person in question and Frontex. The Agency performed an internal investigation and notified the Commission that the person had never been employed by Frontex.

Frontex as a decentralised Agency of the European Union enjoys a substantial degree of independence, including in the contractual processes for the provision of the services it requires. The Commission is a member of Frontex's Management Board, but it does not directly manage or award the Agency's contracts. Procurement decisions are taken by Frontex under its applicable rules and under its responsibility. The Commission does not direct or reassess Frontex award decisions.

Staff of EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies who fall under the Staff Regulations and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants are bound by their rights and obligations as civil servants. For other persons, the general laws of the Member States apply.

¹ Parliamentary question E-000777/2024, Answer given by Ms Johansson on behalf of the European Commission: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2024-000777-ASW_EN.html.