

**Question for written answer E-007916/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Appropriate use of the Internal Security Fund (External borders and visas)

In a report published on Wednesday 8 October 2014, the Court of Auditors highlighted a number of shortcomings in the EU's € 1.9 billion External Borders Fund (EBF). Set up for the period 2007-2013, the Fund was intended in particular to cover the control, surveillance and management of the flow of people at the external borders.

Under the 2014-2020 multi-annual financial framework, the EBF has been replaced by the Internal Security Fund (External borders and visas (EBV)), which has an overall budget allocation of € 2.76 billion.

In essence, the Court of Auditors found that the added value of the EBF was limited and that it could be put to better use. It also said that the Fund could make a better contribution to Frontex operations.

In view of the criticisms from the EU's external auditor, how does the Commission intend to take into account and apply the Court's recommendations concerning the EBF so as to ensure that the EBV is used appropriately and is as effective as possible?