

**Question for written answer E-008760/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Frontex liaison officer in Turkey

Turkey is key partner of the EU in a number of key areas, including security policy and migration. While Frontex and Turkey signed a memorandum of understanding on establishing and promoting the development of practical cooperation in May 2012, operational cooperation is still limited.

In the light of: Turkey's accession prospects; the fact that since the beginning of 2014 Turkey has received EUR 79 million in order to contribute to EU efforts to deal with the pressure on its refugees management system; the dialogue initiated between the Commission and Turkish authorities in view of preparing, fostering and monitoring the visa liberalisation process; the fact that the Commission Strategy on EU immigration policy provides that European migration officers are to be seconded to EU delegations in key third countries; and the need to help prevent hazardous journeys in the Eastern Mediterranean and to take cooperation one step further:

1. What measures will the Commission take to ensure that a Frontex liaison officer is posted in Turkey?
2. What is the Commission's view on what is needed to implement risk analysis and joint operations?