

**Question for written answer E-003183/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**André Elissen (ENF)**

Subject: Extension of EU border and migration control

In view of protecting the EU's external borders and to establish better control of migration flows, the Commission proposes to release EUR 35 billion for the period 2021-2027<sup>1</sup>. An important part of this is to increase the European Border and Coast Guard staff from 1 500 to 10 000. Out of a 'border management fund' of over EUR 12 billion, systematic border controls and large IT systems must be financed in order to prevent trafficking in human beings and terrorism. No money is available for border gates.

The renewed Asylum and Migration Fund would have to double its support for Member States to EUR 10.4 billion. The protection of so-called refugees and support for 'legal' migration, but also the fast return of people who have no right to stay in the EU, all form part of the package.

- 1) Does the Commission agree that physical border surveillance is an exclusive competence of the Member States that enables them to deal with threats of terrorism, criminality and illegal migration?
- 2) Do you share my concern that the substantial expansion of the Frontex shuttle service will add even greater dimensions to illegal migration, in particular from Africa?
- 3) Does the Commission share the view that the tidal wave of illegal migrants entering Europe leaves no room for extra, 'legal' migration?

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<sup>1</sup> Commission wants billions for EU border and migration control (12 June 2018), [https://www.europa-nu.nl/id/vkp5knees4zl/nieuws/commissie\\_wil\\_miljarden\\_voor\\_grens\\_en?ctx=vh6ukzb3nnt0&tab=0](https://www.europa-nu.nl/id/vkp5knees4zl/nieuws/commissie_wil_miljarden_voor_grens_en?ctx=vh6ukzb3nnt0&tab=0)