

**Question for written answer E-012408/2011
to the Commission**

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Subject: Greek border surveillance

In her answer of 6 December 2011 to Written Question E-009183/2011 Commissioner Malmström made it clear that the Commission would not use the External Border Fund to co-finance a fence along the Greek-Turkish border. At the same time, the Commission 'confirmed its readiness to co-finance other more effective measures within the comprehensive strategy that the Greek authorities are planning to establish in order to ensure an integrated border management system along the entire 200 km land border with Turkey'. In its progress report on the Schengen action plan, Greek has indicated that it plans to install an automated border surveillance system using thermal cameras and special detection software, co-financed by the European Border Fund.

1. What exactly does the Commission mean by 'more effective measures'? Do such measures also include the introduction of the border surveillance tools envisaged by the Greek authorities?
2. What indicators does the Commission use to assess the effectiveness of external border management?
3. What measures at the Greek-Turkish border are being or are due to be co-financed under the 2011 annual programme of the External Border Fund? Exactly how much funding does the Commission provide for each measure (please provide a list)?
4. How is Frontex involved in the planning and implementation of each of the measures?
5. Which companies have been awarded public contracts to build, deliver and install border management systems at the Greek-Turkish border? How much will each of the companies receive?