

**Question for written answer E-001839/2018  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Financing Turkish military vehicles and patrol boats

In its edition on 24 March 2018, Der Spiegel reported that the EU is co-funding operations against refugees from Syria at the Turkish border. Other European media such as Politiken and Mediapart have addressed this topic. Accordingly, the European Commission has approved more than EUR 30 million from the Instrument for Pre-accession (IPA) for armoured military vehicles, which are also in operation at the border with Syria. Patrol boats for border surveillance operations against refugees are said to have been financed from the Facility for Refugees in Turkey.

- 1) Does the Commission confirm that military vehicles are financed from EU resources? Is this in accordance with the legal basis?
- 2) Does the Commission confirm the use of Facility funds to purchase patrol boats? According to Spiegel and Mediapart, EUR 18 million went to the Dutch company Damen. Is this compatible with the Facility's award criteria, in the legal estimation of the Commission?
- 3) Is this financing related to the EU-Turkey statement?