

**Question for written answer E-003836/2020  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** McKinsey's role in migrant management and the EU-Turkey agreement

In view of new revelations published simultaneously by the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN) and 'Der Spiegel' concerning a US multinational company providing the European Union with advice on migration crisis management, and even on the EU-Turkey agreement that cost EU citizens EUR 6 billion, the Commission has to bring the whole truth about the matter to light and if necessary, consider whether action should be taken.

Minutes of meetings of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) – the EU's asylum agency – show that McKinsey was commissioned by the Commission to 'analyse the situation on the Greek islands and come up with an action plan' for managing asylum cases.

The following year, an audit of EASO accounts by the European Court of Auditors (ECA), which audits EU finances, found that 'a single pre-selected economic operator' had been awarded work without the application of 'any of the procurement procedures' laid down under EU regulations.

Can the Commission answer the following questions therefore:

1. What precisely was McKinsey's role in the implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement?
2. Why did Commission President von der Leyen decline to furnish the documents requested by the European Ombudsman, saying they contain sensitive information on the business strategies and the commercial relations of the company concerned?

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