

Question for written answer E-004468/2020/rev.1
to the Council
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Subject: Statement of 18 March 2016 and the role third parties may have played in these negotiations between the EU and Turkey

According to a joint investigation by journalists from the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network and Der Spiegel, the results of which were published on the BalkanInsight website on 22 June ¹ and 22 July 2020 ², and picked up by Le Monde on 24 June 2020 ³, in the months preceding the 2016 EU-Turkey agreement on migrants the consultancy firm McKinsey drew up an action plan for implementation of the agreement, and their proposals have since been integrated into EU policy.

It seems that the US management consultancy giant was at the heart of efforts expended in Europe to ratify this controversial agreement with Turkey which has cost the EU EUR 6 billion.

Furthermore, in 2017 the European Asylum Support Office apparently signed a contract with McKinsey, worth EUR 992 000, for the processing of asylum applications on the Greek islands.

A worrying outsourcing of the nation's sovereign duties, an unacceptable erosion of sovereignty.

Can the Council provide information on these negotiations between the EU and Turkey, which concluded with the Statement of 18 March 2016, and on the role third parties may have played in this?

¹ <https://balkaninsight.com/2020/06/22/asylum-outsourced-mckinseys-secret-role-in-europes-refugee-crisis/>

² <https://balkaninsight.com/2020/07/22/how-mckinsey-put-productivity-at-heart-of-european-refugee-policy/>

³ https://www.lemonde.fr/international/article/2020/06/24/quand-l-union-europeenne-appelait-un-consultant-a-la-rescousse-pour-gerer-la-crise-migratoire_6044019_3210.html