

**Question for written answer E-000042/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: EMSA drone services for EU Member States in 2020 and 2021

The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) can provide European countries and the various EU agencies with drone services for the purposes of general maritime surveillance, maritime traffic monitoring and border surveillance. In 2018 and 2019, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom made use of these services, as did Frontex and the European Fisheries Control Agency.

1. Which countries and EU agencies made use of EMSA's drone services in 2020? When and why did these flights take place, and precisely which drones (please specify model and manufacturer) were deployed in each operation?
2. Which countries and EU agencies have requested use of EMSA's drone services in 2021 and why? Which drones are to be deployed in each operation?
3. Which other countries or EU agencies have expressed an interest in drone operations?