Question for written answer E-000338/2021 to the Commission Rule 138 Özlem Demirel (The Left)

Subject: Forwarding information from Frontex risk analysis to armed forces in the EU

The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) aims to cooperate more closely with Operation EUNAVFOR MED IRINI in future. This has been finalised in a new working arrangement between the two parties. It stipulates that Frontex will forward information gathered during its risk analyses to the armed forces. This concerns data from ship tracking systems and air surveillance. The agreement also makes provision for the exchange of experts.

- 1. What services of Frontex undertake the monitoring of ship movements (such as technology from the Windward company), and which of these duties are carried out in the context of EUROSUR?
- 2. What manned and unmanned air surveillance services does Frontex operate in the Central Mediterranean, and to what extent is satellite surveillance used for this?
- 3. Which experts will be exchanged between Operation EUNAVFOR MED IRINI and Frontex? Where will they be stationed and what specific tasks will they undertake?