

**Question for written answer E-000617/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Frontex workshops for coastguards from the MENA region

The EU Border Agency Frontex and host EU Member States hold workshops for coastguards of North African countries. These take place, inter alia, on the Greek island of Chios. There the invitees are trained in locating and bringing on board refugees fleeing to the European Union in small boats. Coast guard staff from third countries also attend meetings at Frontex headquarters in Warsaw.

1. What workshops (including virtual workshops) for MENA coastguards were held by Frontex and host EU Member States in 2018, 2019 and 2020, what was their content, where did they take place and who participated in them?
2. What workshops are planned or have already taken place in 2021?
3. In which meetings at Frontex headquarters in Warsaw have the coastguards in question participated since 2018 and what further workshops are planned?