

**Question for written answer E-001267/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Manned real-time monitoring on behalf of Frontex

Since 2017, Frontex has provided manned real-time airborne monitoring as part of the Frontex Aerial Surveillance Services (FASS). The aerial surveillance service with charter flights is part of the Multipurpose Aerial Surveillance Service (MAS), which in turn supplements the Eurosur/Copernicus Fusion Services (EFS). Frontex operated around 1 000 such flights in 2020 in Italy, Croatia, Poland, Cyprus and Greece, among others, as well as over maritime areas bordering the European Union. Frontex is now concluding new FASS treaties to the value of over EUR 100 million.

1. How many FASS flights were operated by charter companies on behalf of Frontex in 2020, and in which countries?
2. What was the purpose of the flights in each of these countries (for example border monitoring, search missions, identifying maritime pollution)?
3. How many FASS flights are planned for 2021, and for what purposes?