

**Question for written answer E-002120/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Underwater drones for the National Guard in Tunisia

The European Union is financing the provision of remote-controlled underwater vehicles and side-scan sonar devices via the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) as part of the border protection programme for the Maghreb. The underwater drones will be operated by the National Guard.

1. Who was commissioned to provide underwater drones to Tunisia, and which of the companies' models will see service there?
2. What is the duration of the contract, and how many operating hours does it provide for?
3. For what particular kinds of border surveillance operation will the devices be used?