

**Question for written answer E-002261/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Extension of border fence on the Greek side of the EU's external border with Turkey

In 2012, Greece constructed a 12.5km-long fence along the section of its border with Turkey between Orestiada in Greece and Edirne in Turkey where the river Evros does not form a natural border between the two countries. In October 2020 it announced to the media¹ a plan to build a 26km-long wall as an extension of the fence by April 2021.

1. What stage has the construction of the wall reached as of April 2021?
2. According to Greece, the cost of the project along the river at the border is EUR 63 million. Were EU funds used by Greece for this?
3. What is the Commission's assessment of the fence?

¹ <https://m.faz.net/aktuell/politik/ausland/griechenland-baut-mauer-an-der-grenze-zur-tuerkei-17009892.html>