

**Question for written answer E-003657/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Sharp increase in illegal migration to the EU – a failure of Frontex

Illegal migration to EU Member States, already groaning under the consequences of massive migration in recent decades, increased by 59 % in the first half of 2021. The Balkan route has seen some 92% more migrants than in 2020. In total, around 61 000 migrants moved illegally to the EU.

This can be learned from a Frontex report.

1. The mission of Frontex is to protect the EU's external border. This means: Keeping the border closed to unwanted migrants and not allowing them to enter. Who instructed Frontex to allow migrants to enter illegally?
2. How many of the planned 10 000 new staff has Frontex already recruited?