Question for written answer E-004943/2021 to the Commission Rule 138 Özlem Demirel (The Left)

Subject: EU funding under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) for border

surveillance and control in Turkey

Turkey is receiving funds from the European Union under the IPA, which are being spent by the government on, among other things, military technology. For instance, the country has received approximately EUR 27.6 million in EU funding for 57 Katmerciler Hızır Ateş and 82 Otokar Cobra armoured vehicles. Turkey is using them for border surveillance.

What IPA funding has the Commission disbursed so far for the procurement of technology for border surveillance and border control in Turkey, what exactly does it entail and where is it being used? Which authorities use this IPA-funded technology for border surveillance and border control, and what allocations have gone to Jandarma, which is part of the Turkish military? What other allocations of IPA funding have been made to Jandarma, either directly or through other authorities, i.e. to what extent does Jandarma benefit from these other EU funds?