

**Question for written answer E-005091/2021
to the Council**
Rule 138
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Subject: EMPACT measure relating to migration from Belarus

In February 2021, the EU Member States decided to make the European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats (EMPACT) a permanent instrument. The EU Member States and agencies, and other partners, hope this will allow them to work together even more closely. Joint operational measures are also being taken to prevent unwanted migration and break up the networks of border-crossing facilitators and smugglers. One of these operations, which falls under the 'facilitation of illegal immigration' priority area, targets Belarus and is being headed by authorities in Poland (EMPACT/LV/2021/OA 2.11). Besides the Polish border force, the German federal police is also involved in this operation, which has been assigned EUR 54 000 of EMPACT funding.

1. What are the specific aims of the EMPACT operation in question and how will they be achieved?
2. Over what period will the operation take place and when will it be evaluated?
3. Which authorities are participating in the operation (including as observers) and where are the individual measures being taken?