

**Question for written answer E-005269/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Using EU funds to finance facilities at the EU's external borders

In early October 2021, a number of Member States called on the Commission to provide for the financing of a physical barrier at the EU's external borders¹². In early November 2021, the President of the European Council, Charles Michel, published a paper stating that it would be legally possible to contribute such a measure. The Commission has so far opposed the idea.

1. Is the Commission still against (co-)financing a physical barrier at the EU's external borders?
2. Based on its own assessment, does it think this would be legally possible?
3. Will it take action in response to the Member States' request and if so, will it allocate funds from the EU budget and which funds will it use?

¹ <https://s3.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com/euobs-media/59f9f4116a089cec71bf81b76413503a.pdf>

² https://www.politico.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/11/Border-infrastructure-refinancing-10-November-2021.pdf?utm_source=POLITICO.EU&utm_campaign=8f11aa03cd-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_11_11_04_34&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_10959edeb5-8f11aa03cd-189747613