

**Question for written answer E-005323/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Frontex and Europol cooperation with the on-line, financial and transport services sectors

In the renewed EU action plan against migrant smuggling (2021-2025), the Commission proposes that data collection and research be improved in order to find out how criminal networks on the internet are involved in migrant smuggling. EU agencies such as Frontex and Europol keep an eye on and monitor social media in order to obtain regular insights into migrant smuggling. That also takes place in non-EU countries. To combat migrant smuggling, EU agencies cooperate with on-line service providers, as well as with businesses in the banking and car rental sectors (including car sharing), parcel service firms, travel agencies, airlines and money transfer services.

1. To what extent do Frontex and Europol monitor the internet so as to combat migrant smuggling, and how, in the process, do they act on the stipulations of the European Data Protection Supervisor? With what on-line service providers do the agencies cooperate directly, and to what extent does that also take place in non-EU countries?
2. In what instances do the agencies also cooperate with businesses in the banking and car rental sectors, parcel service firms, travel agencies, airlines and money transfer services, and to what extent does that also take place outside the scope of police investigations?