

**Question for written answer E-005324/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Operational partnerships and joint investigation teams with non-EU countries

Under the renewed EU action plan against migrant smuggling (2021–2025), Member States can enter into operational partnerships against migrant smuggling with law enforcement and judicial authorities in non-EU countries. This expressly extends to the exchange of information. Priority will be given to the Eastern Mediterranean and the Western Balkans. Joint investigation teams have also been established with some of these countries.

1. Which common operational partnerships and joint investigation teams have been set up under the renewed EU action plan against migrant smuggling (2021–2025), and how much EU funding is allocated to each of them?
2. Who is in charge of operational partnerships and joint investigation teams, and which non-EU countries are involved in them?
3. What information is being exchanged in the process, and aside from police forces and border police, to what extent are intelligence services directly or indirectly involved?