Question for written answer E-000171/2022 to the Commission Rule 138 Özlem Demirel (The Left)

Subject: Method of real-time transmission of Frontex aerial reconnaissance data

The aircraft and drones deployed by the Frontex Aerial Surveillance Service (FASS) transmit their operational video data and still images to the headquarters of the Border Agency in Warsaw. This allegedly secure real-time transmission method was developed by Frontex in 2017 as the Frontex Compatible Operational Image (FCOI). Using a Frontex Positioning System (FPS), vehicles or equipment used by Frontex also transmit their geodata to the Warsaw headquarters.

- 1. What system does Frontex use under the Frontex Aerial Surveillance Service to transmit video data in real time, and who is the manufacturer/service provider of the necessary equipment?
- 2. What communication links are used to transmit the data in the system and according to what standard is it secured or encrypted?
- 3. Who is the manufacturer/service provider of the Frontex Compatible Operational Image used by Frontex, and for which vehicles or equipment used by Frontex is this already being used?