

**Question for written answer E-000298/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Operating resources of Operation Themis

As a successor to Operation Triton, in 2018 the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) launched Operation Themis to control and prevent unwanted migration and combat smugglers in the Central Mediterranean. The area of operation includes departures from Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt, but also from Albania and Turkey. The operation is under the command of the Italian Ministry of the Interior, which uses other ships, aircraft and drones co-financed by Frontex. The total number of units used deployed each year for marine and airborne missions is not yet known. At the launch of Themis it was stated that Frontex would deploy 10 ships per year.

1. How many ships, aircraft and drones did the Member States deploy under Operation Themis in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, and how many operating hours did this amount to per year?
2. How many other ships, aircraft and drones co-financed by Frontex were deployed by Italy as the host country in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 under Operation Themis on behalf of Frontex, and how many operating hours did this amount to per year?
3. How many of its own aircraft and drones did Frontex deploy in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 under Operation Themis, and how many operating hours did this amount to per year?