

**Question for written answer E-001790/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Helicopters for Frontex

In Lot 4 of the call for tenders Frontex/OP/694/2020/JL/MS, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency sought a company to carry out 'rotary wing surveillance Missions'. Frontex intended to spend EUR 30 million, including the provision of information via a 'remote mission portal' and the live streaming of raw data. However, no contract was awarded.

1. Following the call for tenders Frontex/OP/694/2020/JL/MS, why did Frontex not award a contract for 'rotary wing surveillance missions' and how many tenders were submitted?
2. To what extent does Frontex plan to issue a new call for tenders for such services and what is the estimated value of the framework contract?
3. For which types of operations does Frontex need helicopters, and for what reasons can these requirements not be met by manned or unmanned fixed-wing aircraft?