

**Question for written answer E-002093/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Frontex operations in the Republic of Moldova

Frontex supports the Republic of Moldova by deploying border guards to the country. The arrangement is the result of a status agreement negotiated by Fabrice Leggeri, the former director of Frontex, with the Moldovan Government. Prior to that, Moldova's Prime Minister, Minister of the Interior and Minister of Justice had signed a law allowing the deployment of armed foreign police officers to the border of the Republic. Frontex operations are, however, excluded in the self-proclaimed separatist Republic of Transnistria, where Russia has deployed troops. It is not known what equipment Frontex takes to Moldova. Following an extension of their mandate, members of the EU Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) to Moldova and Ukraine will also be able to exercise executive powers and 'participate directly in border control', thus complementing the Frontex forces.

1. How many of its own staff members with executive powers is Frontex deploying for its mission in Moldova, which EU Member States are deploying additional border guards, and how many operational staff are seconded by EUBAM Moldova-Ukraine for border surveillance and control?
2. At which border-crossing points/sections are the Frontex operations taking place and where is the liaison office located?
3. What items of its own equipment (vehicles, planes, drones, quadcopters, surveillance equipment) does Frontex take to Moldova, and what other equipment is provided by Member States or by EUBAM Moldova/Ukraine?