

**Question for written answer E-002737/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Stratospheric platforms for Frontex

The European border agency Frontex is expanding its 'surveillance capability' with high-altitude platforms. A call for tenders was launched for systems that can be used in the stratosphere under the 'Horizon Europe' framework programme for research and innovation. At an altitude of 20 kilometres, they will close the gap between the aircraft, drones and satellites already in use.

1. Who was awarded the contract for the project 'Enhanced security and management of borders, maritime environment, activities and transport, by increased surveillance capability, including high altitude, long endurance aerial support' (HORIZON-CL3-2021-BM-01-01) and what services are being provided under it?
2. What is the duration of the project and which other partners are involved?
3. What are the costs of the project and what portion is each party involved covering?