

**Question for written answer E-003849/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Financing bilateral migration controls in south-eastern Europe

Police officers from Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Austria are being deployed in neighbouring countries, including Hungary, Serbia and North Macedonia to control migration. Austria is now calling for the Commission to bear the costs of the country's police operations.

1. What does the Commission know about which EU Member States are currently deploying police officers in which countries of south-eastern Europe outside the EU framework to control migration in the Western Balkans?
2. Since the beginning of 2022, which of the governments concerned have requested that these police operations be integrated into the EU framework or be financed using EU funds?
3. What decisions has the Commission reached so far, and what decisions are still to be made?

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