

**Question for written answer E-003851/2022
to the Council**

Rule 138

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Subject: ISF-backed SCOPE project aimed at preventing migration from Türkiye and the Western Balkans

Since 2021, Germany has been running the project 'Fighting Migrant Smuggling by Establishing Common Operational Partnership in Europe with Third Countries' (SCOPE) with Türkiye and the Western Balkans. Supported by the Internal Security Fund, the project aims to counter organisations helping refugees reach certain EU countries through Türkiye and the Western Balkans. It fosters cooperation at both police and judicial level.

1. Which countries are involved in the SCOPE project, how long is it due to go on for and how much is it receiving in ISF funding?
2. How many organisations or individuals helping refugees reach EU countries have already been identified by SCOPE and where did any arrests or other police measures take place?
3. How are the Turkish authorities involved in the project?

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