

**Question for written answer E-000622/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Pilot projects on border monitoring

In the Commission President's words, 'to strengthen our external borders and prevent irregular migration', the Commission will fund two pilot projects at the external borders between Bulgaria and Turkey as part of an 'an integrated package of mobile and stationary infrastructure'. This infrastructure will apparently run the gamut 'from cars to cameras, from watchtowers to electronic surveillance'.

1. What new pilot projects concerning infrastructure 'from cars to cameras, from watchtowers to electronic surveillance' is the Commission planning for external border monitoring, and where exactly are they to be tested in the countries concerned?
2. What EU funds will be spent on this, and how much will be raised through national or bilateral contributions?
3. When will the projects be put to tender, or which authorities, firms or institutes are already involved?

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