

**Question for written answer E-000825/2023  
to the Commission**

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 Partnerships in Europe with Third Countries' (SCOPE) with Türkiye and the Western Balkans. The project, funded by the Internal Security Fund (ISF), aims to crack down on the organisations which help refugees enter certain EU countries via Türkiye and the Western Balkans. SCOPE 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 of the arrests or other police measures take place?
3. Which Turkish authorities are involved in the project and how?

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