

**Question for written answer E-001125/2023
to the Commission**

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The EU Commissioner for Home Affairs, Ylva Johansson, has stressed in an interview that 'walls and barbed wire fences at the EU's external borders are not solutions', but that she 'would not rule out physical infrastructure'. This raises a number of questions:

1. Why are walls and barbed wire fences not appropriate solutions for border management?
2. What kind of 'physical infrastructure' is the Commissioner referring to, if walls and fences are not included?
3. The Commissioner also stressed that the Commission 'cannot finance everything that Member States want'. Does the Commission therefore not consider effective border management to be its own, fundamental duty to ensure security within the EU, but merely as something that a Member State 'wants'?

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