

**Question for written answer E-002354/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Multipurpose Aerial Surveillance operations in 2022 and 2023

As part of its Multipurpose Aerial Surveillance (MAS) service, Frontex carries out airplane and drone missions in order to monitor land and sea borders. The aircraft are operated by private contractors.

1. How many MAS operations took place in 2022, how many have taken place in 2023, and how many flight hours have been flown in this connection by airplanes and drones from contractors such as Airbus or DEA?
2. In which host countries have those operations taken place, in which of those countries have manned aircraft been used, and in which of them have unmanned aircraft been used?
3. How many sea rescue cases were reported during Frontex MAS airplane and drone operations in 2022, how many have been reported in 2023, and how many mayday alerts have been issued?

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