

**Question for written answer E-002468/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Operational cooperation with Senegal following the termination of Operation Hera

According to the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex), operational activities under the joint Operation Hera off the coasts of Senegal ceased in 2019. However, in a tweet on 7 October 2020, the information and public relations department of the Senegalese Armed Forces welcomed the detention of a group of refugees by the Senegalese Navy as part of a 'Frontex operation' at sea¹.

1. Which vessels or aircraft of which Member States or Frontex services have been deployed off the coast of Senegal since 2019?
2. After the official termination of Operation Hera, to what extent has Frontex continued to support the work of Senegal's navy, border police or gendarmerie in their operational activities?
3. Even in the absence of a status agreement, what further operational cooperation is planned between Frontex and the Senegalese border authorities?

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¹ <https://www.infomigrants.net/fr/post/27817/senegal--pres-de-200-migrants-interceptes-en-partance-pour-les-canaries>