

**Question for written answer E-000558/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Leggeri is to run as a candidate with the far-right but are investigations into Frontex misconduct complete?

As is known, the former Frontex chief, Fabrice Leggeri, who was forced to resign after OLAF's damning report, is to run as a candidate in the European elections with France's right-wing RN party led by Marine Le Pen.¹ While OLAF's investigation was still underway, the Greek government presented Leggeri with a medal for 'his help in managing the migration situation'.

The investigation was completed in February 2022 and included the following findings²:

- Frontex's executive management repeatedly concealed suspicious cases from its own officers and prevented them from investigating;
- the agency withdrew aerial surveillance so that violations could not be recorded;
- it co-funded some of the Greek organisations that carried out illegal pushbacks and misled the bodies in charge of overseeing Frontex;
- the agency continued to take part in joint operations despite the fact that pushbacks very clearly constitute 'serious or continuous violations of human rights'.

In light of these developments, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Are EU bodies conducting any ongoing investigation against Leggeri?
2. Seeing as though it has been established that the Union's interests have been damaged, has blame been apportioned to any individuals?
3. Have the details been sent to the European Public Prosecutor's Office or the ordinary courts to establish criminal liability?

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¹ <https://www.euractiv.com/section/elections/news/former-eu-border-agency-chief-joins-frances-far-right-rn/>

² <https://left.gr/news/mitarakis-xeplenei-letzeri-parasimoforithike-o-epikefalis-tis-frontex-poy-evale-plati-stis>