

**Question for written answer P-013664/2013
to the Commission**

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Subject: Rules on recruitment to the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders (FRONTEX)

The objective of the FRONTEX agency, which was formed in 2005, is to strengthen border security and to coordinate activities between Member States concerning the EU's external borders. In view of events taking place outside the EU, the importance of FRONTEX is growing. The quality of staff recruited by the agency is therefore of particular importance.

1. How many people are currently employed on a full-time basis by FRONTEX, and what increase in recruitment is anticipated for 2014-2015?
2. What are the rules and criteria for the selection of staff for FRONTEX, and what are the planned timeframes for the next round of competitions for future FRONTEX employees in 2014 and 2015?