

**Priority question for written answer P-001226/2023  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Erecting an electronic fence between Poland and Kaliningrad and other similar structures on the EU's external borders

'Poland will soon start building an electronic fence at its border with Kaliningrad' (Euractiv)<sup>1</sup>

According to Balkan Insight, 'migrants trying to enter the EU across its eastern borders are now travelling via a new route, taking them first to Russia then onto the Belarusian-Polish border'<sup>2</sup>.

Visas and transfers are apparently arranged by travel agents.

In 2015, Hungary put up fences along its borders with Serbia and Croatia<sup>34</sup>.

In 2021, Poland had considered building a 'wall' on its border with Belarus, while Austrian Chancellor Alexander Schallenberg proposed a similar solution for the Lithuanian border<sup>5</sup>.

Greece apparently decided to 'almost double the length of the 5-metre high steel fence on its border with Turkey'<sup>6</sup>.

Lastly, in January 2023, Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer is said to have called for at least EUR 2 billion in assistance for a fence between Bulgaria and Türkiye<sup>7</sup>.

1. Does the Commission intend to provide funding for the above-mentioned fence and other similar structures on the external borders?
2. How does it intend to cooperate with third countries to curb such migrant trafficking?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/poland-preparing-for-possible-migrant-flows-from-russia/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://balkaninsight.com/2022/12/19/russian-roulette-eu-dreams-of-migrants-now-come-through-moscow/>

<sup>3</sup> 'Fences went up along the southern borders with Serbia and Croatia in 2015.' (<https://www.euronews.com/2017/04/28/hungary-completes-new-anti-migrant-border-fence-with-serbia>)

<sup>4</sup> 'The first section of barbed wire was built along the 175-kilometre border between Hungary and Serbia in the summer of 2015, then along most of the frontier with Croatia.'

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/35990/eu-refuses-to-fund-border-walls-against-migrants-entering-from-belarus>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.dailyfinland.fi/europe/30912/Greece-expands-fence-along-border-with-Turkey>

<sup>7</sup> 'At least €2 billion in assistance to build [...] a fence at its border with Turkey', *Eight EU states demand tougher migration curbs ahead of summit*, EurActiv.com, Eleonora Vasques, 7 February 2023.