

**Question for written answer E-002781/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Huge increase in Frontex agency staff costs

In the 2023 Discharge of the EU Agencies report¹, in which written questions were submitted to agencies, information on pages 250 and 251, concerning Frontex, caught our attention. In view of the above:

1. In 2022, 66 persons worked at the Frontex fundamental rights office; 46 of them were fundamental rights monitors. Total staff costs were EUR 2 457 249. In 2023, 65 persons worked at Frontex; the number of monitors was exactly the same. Staff costs amounted to EUR 4 367 527; that represents an increase of 78%. Can the Commission explain how that is possible?
2. In 2022, 994 border guard officers were active. Staff costs amounted to EUR 62 972 114. In 2023, the number of staff was exactly the same, but staff costs amounted to EUR 76 871 280, or an increase of 22%. Again: can the Commission explain how that is possible?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2024_2029/plmrep/COMMITTEES/CONT/DV/2024/12-04/2023discharge_QuestionstoAgencies_EN.pdf