

**Question for written answer E-006072/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: European dimension to cross-border undercover police operations

British police officer Mark Kennedy was sent to infiltrate political groups in 11 different Europol nations. Investigative evidence suggests that officers from other countries may have operated in a similar way across borders in the EU. This model of 'intelligence-led' policing appears to have been adopted as a European standard, directed at the level of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. The issues surrounding this case highlight the fact that the arrangements under which Europol and other police cooperation bodies operate do not appear to allow for sufficient transparency or accountability. Although the British Government has launched multiple, sequential inquiries into this issue, no inquiry regarding the issue of cross-border operations or involvement with Europol has yet been allowed, despite repeated requests by civil rights groups.

Can the Commission explain the following:

1. Who authorised and controlled these operations?
2. Which European body coordinated these operations?
3. How is lawful political activity protected from police interference?