

**Question for written answer E-009669/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: J-CAT: progress in the fight against cybercrime

On 1 September 2014, the European police force (Europol) began pilot operation of its Joint Cybercrime Action Taskforce (J-CAT). The unit is based in The Hague and is hosted by the European Cybercrime Centre (EC3) established two years ago. European, Canadian, US and South American cybercrime units are all taking part in this initiative.

1. The pilot project has now been running for two months. Can the Commission state whether plans already exist, based on the progress and results of J-CAT to date, to move the pilot project onto a permanent footing?
2. To what extent is expenditure on J-CAT worthwhile, especially with regard to industrial espionage and defending against hacker attacks on the patents and research results of European businesses?