

**Question for written answer E-001120/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Greater responsibility for internet firms in efforts to combat terrorist propaganda

On 11 January 2015 the French Home Affairs Minister, Bernard Cazeneuve, together with his EU counterparts and Dimitris Avramopoulos, Commissioner with responsibility for migration, home affairs and citizenship, called for a special focus on the internet as part of efforts to combat terrorism.

Given the scale of the threat we are facing, we cannot afford to rule out any of the options open to us. The internet is becoming yet another theatre of operations for terrorist groups, offering them opportunities for action ranging from radicalisation campaigns to cyber-attacks.

In June 2014 the Justice and Home Affairs Council adopted a revised version of the EU strategy for combating radicalisation and recruitment to terrorism which includes a number of internet-related measures. Despite this, internet-based propaganda is continuing to intensify.

Although the Commission is already active in this area, having entered into dialogue with internet firms, we now need to move up a gear, as internet platforms and social media are a key means of spreading terrorist propaganda. Accordingly, how does the Commission intend to go about making internet firms take greater responsibility for combating terrorist propaganda?