

**Question for written answer E-002602/2015  
to the Council**  
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Subject: Schengen area and IS terrorism

In accordance with EU law, the Schengen area is supposed to be an 'area of freedom, security and justice'. The emergence of the terrorist group Islamic State (IS) in the Middle East, and in Syria and Iraq in particular, has brought with it a new problem, however: more and more nationals of Member States which are also part of the Schengen area who volunteered to fight for IS as jihadis are returning to the European Union. A number of international bodies have now classified IS as a terrorist organisation, which prompts the following questions:

1. In the Council's view, how serious is the danger posed by IS fighters who are returning or have returned to the EU?
2. Does the Council see any scope for preventing returning IS fighters from re-entering the Schengen area?
3. Are measures planned to help IS fighters who have returned or who return in the future become reintegrated into society?