

**Question for written answer E-002892/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
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Subject: Establishing common assessment criteria for the terrorist threat in the EU

The attacks in Copenhagen and Paris have violently reminded us of the reality of the terrorist threat facing Europe.

Ensuring that all of our fellow citizens are protected is one of the State's fundamental responsibilities. In this respect, they are responsible for assessing the threats facing our population in order to prevent them. At the forefront of these threats is the threat of terrorism.

While this threat varies in intensity and relevance in different countries, assessing it should remain a national matter. However, given the principle of the free circulation of persons, it is important for action to be taken at EU level on the assessment criteria for determining the threat level. Therefore, Europol could end up being entrusted with the task of establishing a series of indicators in order to ensure greater homogeneity in the manner in which the threat of terrorism is determined.

In this context, does the Commission plan to take steps to entrust the competent authorities, such as Europol, with the means to promote common assessment criteria for the terrorist threat in the EU within the EU in order to create convergence in levels of vigilance?