

**Question for written answer E-004621/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Information about the focal point on travellers

From the proceedings of the LIBE Committee on passenger name records (PNR) and from news coverage of foreign fighters, it has emerged that Europol has set up a programme called 'Focal Point Travellers'. The focal point is a pan-European tool which collects, analyses, processes and shares information on the recruitment and travel of suspect persons. Information about this programme is hard to access.

- 1 - Can the Commission specify the detailed content of this programme, and how it differs from the PNR?
- 2 - Which Member States are participating in the focal point, and in what proportions?
- 3 - Is there transparent control of data protection and checking of the potential tendency of such a tool to discriminate? If so, who carries out this control? If the European PNR were adopted, would there be duplication/double cost?