

**Question for written answer E-009894/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Combating radicalisation in prisons

Prisons are hotbeds of radicalisation, which is why sufficient numbers of trained prison staff are required if anti-radicalisation and de-radicalisation policies are to be effective.

As part of the high-priority fight against terrorism and the prevention of radicalisation, the European Security Strategy published in April 2015 proposes involving the European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services (Europris). The aim is to exchange good practice with regard to training prison staff to identify and combat radical behaviour in inmates.

1. Could the Commission state whether the implementation of that proposal would include the establishment of a new expert group within Europris that would focus on training for security staff with a view to combating radicalisation?

Furthermore, it is not enough to identify converts with a view to isolating them: effective theological counter-arguments need to be offered, and that means chaplains being on hand in prisons.

2. With that in mind, what exchanges of good practice is the Commission envisaging in the areas of recruiting, training and funding prison chaplains?