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to the Commission**

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Subject: Cooperation and exchange of information in the fight against terrorism and radicalisation

Europol has announced that it has information on 18 000 Europeans suspected of involvement in jihad. Of those, 4 800 are thought to have travelled to war zones in Syria or Iraq. In the previous report, that figure was around 3 000.

Europol's director, Rob Wainwright, recently stated that the key to combatting the phenomenon is increasing the exchange of data and information between Member States.

Bearing in mind that 60% of terrorists who have committed attacks on European territory have travelled through conflict areas, and considering that Member States need to exchange more information in order to comply with the European Agenda on Security, and ensure the success of the measures announced by the Commission to tackle a supranational problem of this type:

1. What specific actions and measures will the Commission take to resolve the current barriers preventing the inescapable increase in the exchange of information and intelligence services between Member States?
2. How will it ensure that Europol's planned programme for detecting jihadists at border points will have the group support it needs to be launched successfully?
3. What actions will it take to ensure that Member States have full use of existing instruments for the exchange of information, such as the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN)?