

**Question for written answer E-002849/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Role of the EU Intelligence Analysis Centre in improving the exchange of intelligence

The attacks of 22 March 2016 have demonstrated, as if it was not already clear, that it is absolutely vital for the Member States to exchange intelligence among themselves and with the relevant EU operators.

1. The EU Intelligence Analysis Centre (INTCEN), operating under the auspices of the EEAS, is tasked, among other things, with assessing the threat posed by terrorism. What role, therefore, is it playing in the exchange of intelligence between the Member States, given that its staff is partly composed of seconded national experts?
2. What cooperation is occurring between INTCEN and Europol, in particular as regards combating terrorism and the sharing of data? Does INTCEN feed such information into Europol's databases?
3. Likewise, is the information gathered by INTCEN fed into the SIS II system?