

**Question for written answer E-002861/2016**  
**to the Council**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Strengthening the powers of the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator

The terrorist attacks in Brussels on 22 March 2016 have once again highlighted the glaring need not only to strengthen cooperation and information exchange between the EU Member States, but also to establish a robust arsenal of instruments at European level to combat terrorism.

The EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, whose post was established in 2004 following the attacks in Madrid, has a critical role to play in this area. In addition to providing the Council with expert advice in the fight against terrorism, he also contributes to enhancing EU cooperation with third countries in the area of counter-terrorism.

1. In the light of the urgent need to tackle the growing threat posed to Europe by foreign fighters and to enhance cooperation with third countries in response to this global challenge, does the Council intend to strengthen the mandate of the coordinator?
2. Does the Council intend to strengthen the human and financial resources available to the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator?