

**Question for written answer E-004280/2016
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Cooperation between Member States and Europol on information exchange

At their latest hearings before the Committee on Civil Liberties, both the Council's Counter-Terrorism Coordinator and the Director-General of Europol stressed that much still needed to be done to improve the exchange of intelligence between Member States on counter-terrorism.

They stressed in particular that not all Member States were connected to the Siena platform's counter-terrorism area and that there was still too little contribution to and use of 'Focal Point Travellers' by many Member States.

At each Council JHA meeting that discussed the attacks, ministers stressed the importance of the exchange of intelligence in combating terrorism.

Could the Council state the main advances made in:

- inputting data into and encouraging use of the Europol Siena counter-terrorism platform?
- inputting data into and encouraging use of the Europol Information System (EIS) and the Europol 'Focal Point Travellers'?