

**Question for written answer E-005701/2016/rev.1  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
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Subject: VP/HR - EU joint framework on countering hybrid threats

The joint communication proposing a joint framework on countering hybrid threats was presented in April 2016. It gives an exhaustive list of aspects of hybrid threats and proposes a series of tools and methods to be developed in order to promote cooperation with and among the Member States, NATO and the EU.

- A number of proposals concern the creation of various centres, focal points, instruments and other methods of cooperation in this field. What is the estimated cost of these instruments?
- What does the EEAS and the Commission propose as to the practical arrangements for creating the proposed synergies with NATO in this field?
- When does the EEAS and the Commission envisage the follow-up of this joint communication and the concrete proposals for action?