

**Question for written answer E-007945/2016
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Return of Jihadists to Europe

Just as Mosul and Eastern Aleppo are on the point of liberation, a large number of Jihadists from Islamic State and other Islamist groups are feared to be deserting and returning to Europe, many of whom originally left Europe to engage in Jihad in the Middle East.

The fact that hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of experienced and battle-hardened men are returning to Europe is a cause for concern for both EU citizens and a number of senior officials in the civilian and military security services. Some experts fear a resurgence in terrorist attacks and are concerned that falsely repentant Jihadists are using migratory flows as cover. They stress that the European Union and its Member States are vastly unprepared to tackle this growing threat. In the absence of an ambitious criminal and penal policy, a large number of Jihadists are being left free to attack EU citizens. Prisons are now breeding grounds for indoctrinated terrorists and political officials in their astounding naivety rely too often on de-radicalisation workshops as a means to solving the problem.

In view of the above, will the Council:

- take measures to prevent Jihadists from returning to Europe and definitively remove from society all those who have arrived already;
- take measures to combat Islamisation in Europe, a breeding ground for Jihadists?