

**Question for written answer E-001454/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Risk of terrorist infiltration - counter-terrorism 'guest officers'

At the presentation of the annual report of the Italian secret services, the prefect and director of the DIS (Department of security information), Alessandro Pansa, drew attention to the specific danger that the Libyan Mediterranean route might pose as a tangible transit route for Islamic extremists coming to the EU. He also pointed out that Italy could be a landing place or escape route towards Europe for Islamic State militants in Libya, a base for covert propaganda, proselytism and logistical supplies, as well as a shelter for terrorists involved in previous acts of terrorism.

Given that in its conclusions of 20 November 2015 the Council conferred upon Europol the task of seconding officers to hotspots in order to reinforce secondary security controls and that the estimated duration of the missions was to be from one to six months, can the Commission clarify, one year since the first project began:

- whether it is aware of this report of the Italian secret services;
- whether and how it is going to continue the activity of 'counter-terrorism guest officers';
- what policies it intends to launch in the coming months to counter terrorist infiltration?