

**Question for written answer E-002280/2017/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Political abuse of the criminal offence of 'establishing a criminal/terrorist organisation'

Due the EU's Framework Decision on the Fight against Organised Crime, Member States are compelled to introduce 'establishing a criminal/terrorist organisation' as an offence in their national law.

It has become increasingly apparent that these offences are used in various Member States, e.g. Germany, Belgium and Hungary, to limit the activities of opposing political organisations. The simplest administrative offences such as illegal fly posting or the possession of political texts or flyers often suffice, already, as the pretext for proceedings which last for years.

1. How many judicial inquiries and criminal proceedings were carried out in 2016 in Member States, especially Germany, Belgium and Hungary, on suspicion of 'establishing a criminal/terrorist organisation'?
2. How many of these proceedings concerned Salafist groups, and how many concerned, in the broadest sense, 'politically' right or left-wing groups?
3. What potential interventions does the European Union see for political abuse of the judiciary by Member States.