

**Question for written answer E-003280/2017
to the Council**

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Subject: Intelligence sharing arrangements with Cape Verde

2017 marks the tenth anniversary of the Special Partnership between the EU and Cape Verde. This stands alongside the regional Cotonou Agreement signed in 2000, as well as the Mobility Partnership agreement signed in 2008 and the introduction of visa facilitation and readmission agreements in December 2014.

With nearly 650 000 EU citizens visiting Cape Verde in 2016 and the country's continued commitment to developing its tourist industry, the Cape Verdean Government has raised the possibility of liberalising its visa requirements for EU citizens.

Supporting such a commitment would not only be a well-received symbolic gesture but would also be in the interests of EU citizens travelling to Cape Verde. Concluding an agreement on intelligence sharing via Europol would assist the Cape Verdean authorities in identifying criminals that may seek to take advantage of any arrangements that would make travel easier without pre-screening.

Will the Council consider launching talks with the Cape Verdean authorities to discuss concluding a limited intelligence sharing agreement that would explore the possibility of the Cape Verdean authorities gaining access to the EU PNR, SIS, Prum, and ECRIS databases, as well as an agreement with Europol?