

**Question for written answer E-004023/2017
to the Council**

Rule 130

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Subject: Unfair treatment of the Catalan police force

The Spanish government will grant Ertzaintza police force access to the Intelligence Centre against Terrorism and Organised Crime (CITCO), early warning system and European police intelligence information (EUROPOL, SIENA, SIRENE). However, granting the same access to the Mossos' police force keeps being vetoed by the Spanish government.

The Catalan government and Parliament² have complained to the Spanish government on various occasions over regarding Mossos as a fully-fledged police force and over full compliance with Article 164(4) of the Statute of Autonomy³.

In recent years, security threats such as terrorism, organised crime and cyber-crime have started operating in different ways. Human, social and economic costs stemming from these threats reveal the need for a collective response at European level.

In view of the increasingly close link between the different types of security threats:

1. Does the Council think that blocking Mossos' access to European police information could hinder achieving effective EU counter-terrorism coordination?
2. Does the Council think that granting Mossos access to police forums and Europol databases could contribute to strengthening security at European level?

¹ <http://www.lavanguardia.com/politica/20170616/423424683028/mossos-gobierno-europol-agravio-ertzaintza.html>

² Resolution 779/X of the Catalan Parliament on the guarantee that the Mossos d'Esquadra will function as a fully-fledged police force (p. 36) <http://www.parlament.cat/document/nom/10b408.pdf>

³ <http://www.parlament.cat/document/cataleg/48089.pdf>