

**Question for written answer E-004284/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Code of conduct on hate speech and terrorism

In June 2016, the Commission, in conjunction with Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Microsoft, launched a code of conduct in which those companies undertook to combat hate speech in Europe. A year later, the Commission was able to announce that good results had been achieved. On average, in 59% of cases the four businesses responded to alerts by taking down the content identified.

The code of conduct is an important way of combating terrorism, as the Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, Věra Jourová, has stated. However, it has been shown that at present the most urgent task is to identify the accounts of members of terrorist organisations which promote these messages of hatred, and to respond with opposing speech on line.

What other businesses does the Commission intend to associate with its code of conduct?

Has the Commission held discussions with the internet 'giants' concerning the tools available to identify the accounts of members of terrorist organisations responsible for hate speech on the internet?