

**Question for written answer E-005005/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Combating migrant trafficking over the internet

In 2016, the European Migrant Smuggling Centre (EMSC), which belongs to Europol, reported a significant increase in migrant trafficking content on the social networks. According to the EMSC, 1 150 social network accounts promoting or involved in migrant trafficking were reported, 148 more than in 2015. According to Europol, they were offering 'packages' including accommodation, transport, false identity papers.

While many of these offers are appearing on Facebook, the EMSC also notes that other applications such as Telegram are beginning to follow suit. One of the priorities for Europol in 2017 is accordingly to combat the use of social networks by traffickers.

It therefore appears urgently necessary to curb such online content and work together with the internet giants to combat the organisation of illegal immigration on social networks.

Does the Commission therefore intend to introduce a code of conduct for internet giants seeking the removal of such content, as it has previously done in tackling online hate speech?