

**Question for written answer E-005863/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: Establishment of a European intelligence unit

In his State of the Union speech on 13 September 2017, Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the Commission, said that he wanted to establish a 'European intelligence unit'. This body would enable data concerning terrorists and foreign fighters to be automatically exchanged between the intelligence services and police of each Member State.

In January 2016, in response to the terrorist attacks in Paris in November 2015, a European Counter-Terrorism Centre (ECTC) had already been set up within Europol. One of the aims of the ECTC is to facilitate the sharing of information between Member States on foreign fighters, terrorist financing and online terrorist propaganda.

1. How does the Commission intend to dovetail this European intelligence unit with the European Counter-Terrorism Centre? What new measures to be introduced with the establishment of this unit would make for better cooperation between the authorities and intelligence services of the Member States?
2. How soon does the Commission plan to set up this European intelligence unit?