

**Question for written answer E-004102/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Counter-terrorism cooperation agreement between Europol and the Kingdom of Morocco

In December 2017, the Commission recommended that the Council authorise the opening of negotiations with a view to an agreement between the EU and Morocco on the transfer of personal data between Europol and that country.

Morocco is a strategic and vital partner for the EU in preventing radicalisation and in combating terrorism. It has taken significant action to ensure its national security and is also working at international level to eradicate terrorism and guarantee stability in the Maghreb and the wider world. Accordingly, many terrorist groups have been dismantled by the Moroccan intelligence services.

Close cooperation in this area between Europol and Morocco is therefore essential, in particular through exchanges of data, including personal data, during cross-border terrorism investigations.

Can the Commission therefore say what the timetable is for the ongoing EU-Morocco negotiations on that agreement with Europol, and what stage has been reached?