

**Question for written answer E-005292/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Provision of appropriate equipment for European security agencies and forces

Owing to lack of legislation and arbitrariness in the Member States, some security forces are poorly equipped. In the case of Spain, regional police corps such as the *Ertzaintza* or the *Mossos d'Esquadra* are equipped with personal bullet-proof vests or cut-resistant gloves, whereas the Guardia Civil is not, despite the fact that the equipment of all these bodies is funded by the General State Budget. This week, a Civil Guard died in Huétor Vega (Granada), during a routine check when he was shot several times and lacked such equipment.

Such differences in equipment also exist at Community level. Despite the existing legal doubts as regards the inclusion of such equipment as personal protective equipment (PPE) and the lack of specific legislation, the current level of anti-terrorist alert – and the crimes with which these agencies are faced – render such equipment indispensable for the agencies to carry out their work safely.

Against this background, and in view of increased cross-border police cooperation, I should like to ask the Commission:

- 1) Does it intend to legislate on this issue to ensure that European law enforcement agencies and bodies are provided with appropriate equipment, in view of the current risks they face in the course of their duties?
- 2) Does it consider it necessary for security forces and bodies to be provided with personal bullet-proof vests and for them to comply with the *acquis communautaire*?