

**Question for written answer E-002249/2019
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Third country liaison officers and contractors at Europol

According to the Europol website, 58 people working at Europol represent third parties, including liaison officers from third states and organisations, and contractors. 29 people represent the US authorities, including the FBI and the Secret Service.¹

1. Can the Commission provide an overview of the functions, tasks and status of these liaison officers and contractors; explain to which information they have access under which conditions; explain which (possible) immunities and privileges apply to them; and say where these provisions are laid down?
2. Is the posting of personnel as part of the cooperation between Europol and third country authorities (in particular the US authorities) reciprocal, as regards number, functions, tasks, status, and access rights and conditions?
3. Can the Commission give an overview of EU personnel deployed at US agencies and organisations?

¹ <https://www.europol.europa.eu/about-europol/statistics-data>