

**Question for written answer E-002383/2019
to the Council**
Rule 138
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Subject: Relationship of Spanish intelligence with the mastermind of the 2017 attacks in Catalonia

In mid-July 2019, a press investigation by Spanish media outlet *Público* brought to light the relationship between Spanish intelligence agency the Centro Nacional de Inteligencia (CNI) and the attacks in Catalonia on 17 August 2017, which killed 15 people from 8 countries¹. The newspaper stated that the terrorists were followed and investigated by the CNI until a few days before the attacks². During the period in which that alleged contact took place, the CNI did not pass on the information that it obtained to the Mossos d'Esquadra (the Catalanian police force), which, together with Ertzainta (the Basque police force), has anti-terrorism powers³.

1. Will the Council call on the Spanish Government to make clear what happened?
2. With a view to ensuring that terrorism is combatted, what will the Council do to see to it that police are able to cooperate effectively and that information can flow properly between the Member States and the police forces in the same country?⁴
3. Will the Council ask the Spanish Government to grant Mossos d'Esquadra access to international bodies responsible for police cooperation, such as Interpol, Europol and Sirene?

¹ <https://www.publico.es/politica/exclusiva-iman-ripoll-1-cerebro-masacre-ramblas-confidente-cni-dia-atentado.html>

² <https://www.publico.es/politica/iman-ripoll-2-exclusiva-cni-escuchaba-moviles-asesinos-ramblas-cinco-dias-matanza.html>

³ <https://www.publico.es/politica/cloacas-interior-antiterrorismo-sigue-dando-cuentagotas-informaciones-mossos-d-esquadra.html>

⁴ https://www.elnacional.cat/es/sociedad/director-europol-policias-barcelona_186276_102.html