

**Question for written answer P-001000/2015  
to the Commission**  
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**Subject:** Reviving the idea of creating a European system for the detection of networks that finance terrorism

The first few weeks of 2015 have revived the spectre of terrorism among our fellow citizens. In Paris, terrorists slaughtered 17 of my fellow citizens in cowardly attacks. A few days later, police operations took place in Belgium and Germany, although no connection has been firmly established with the attacks in Paris.

The terrorist threat has changed. More intangible and mobile, it has become more difficult for the police and intelligence services to identify. In order to fight against this threat, we must be able to act at all levels. This is why we need a comprehensive approach which allows us to mobilise all our resources.

The establishment of a European system for the detection of networks that finance terrorism – an idea that has been mooted before – would provide a new tool better able to prevent the risk of terrorist attacks. In a 2013 Communication, the Commission had pointed out in particular that such a system would boost the ability of Member States to detect terrorist activities and give the relevant services additional resources to assist them in their investigations.

The Commission had previously decided not to propose legislation introducing such a system. Will it now reconsider its position in the light of recent events and in view of the forthcoming informal meeting of ministers of the interior of the European Union?