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Subject: Rise of Islamist extremism near the EU's borders and the security risk posed by tensions in Libya

As the crises in Syria and Iraq deepen, Da'ish and other Islamist groups have shown signs of spreading their influence into regions far too close to Europe for comfort. Libya, previously optimistic about the rise of democracy following the fall of the Gaddafi regime, now finds itself on the brink of civil war. The Libyan Government is unconsolidated and largely unable to exercise authority in its current state.

With this instability comes the risk that extremist groups could gain a foothold only a few hundred kilometres from EU Member territory. At least two EU citizens were kidnapped in early March 2015 by armed men who were flying a flag associated with Da'ish.

Da'ish has made threats against EU Member States, most recently against Italian civilians and officials. There is concern that the growing number of migrants fleeing to Europe across the Mediterranean may provide extremists with the opportunity to enter Europe and conduct attacks.

What course of action will the EU pursue to mitigate the potential threat posed by Islamist militants crossing the Mediterranean?

How will EU migration policy be changed to reflect the security situation in the south?

How can the European External Action Service support Member States with their efforts to gather information about missing EU citizens in Libya?