

**Question for written answer P-015347/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Security in Brussels

After the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, which were planned and organised in Molenbeek, one of the 19 independent communes of the city of Brussels in Belgium, the Belgian authorities issued a terror alert, closing schools, the metro and many shops. This decision, which led to a climate of fear and unease throughout the city, signalled a different approach from that taken by the city of Paris where the attacks actually took place. Moreover, very little information has been given as to what exactly justified these measures and whether they were proportionate.

Another frustration was the disconnection between Brussels as the de facto 'capital of Europe' and Brussels as capital of Belgium.

Can the Commission say what role, if any, the EU plays in how Brussels is administered?

Does the EU have any influence over security decisions that concern not only its staff but also the Members of the European Parliament?