

**Question for written answer P-003000/2019
to the Council**
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Subject: Chinese police officers in EU Member States

In many respects, the global approach adopted by the People's Republic of China presents a challenge to European security policy. The suspicion of industrial espionage, cyber-attacks, and the sometimes aggressive way in which it seeks to extend its influence in the world, make China a difficult partner for the European Union. The President of the European Council, Donald Tusk, has even called China one of the three main threats to European security. Despite all this, Chinese police officers are stationed in some EU Member States. Chinese police patrols are also now to be seen on city streets in Western Balkan countries which cooperate closely with Europol and are highly relevant to European security. Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) states that Europol is to become 'a hub for information exchange between the law enforcement authorities of the Member States, a service provider and a platform for law enforcement services'.

1. To what extent is the mandate of Chinese police officers in EU Member States and Europol partner states compatible with the basic idea of Europol, bearing in mind the interests of European security?
2. So far as the Council knows, in which Member States or Europol partner states are police officers from third countries to be found, and how many of them are there?
3. Does the Council consider that the presence of these officers presents a challenge to European security?