

THE JPSG DELEGATION OF THE SWEDISH RIKSDAG

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**WRITTEN QUESTIONS from the JPSG delegation of the Swedish  
Parliament to Europol – ahead of the JPSG meeting on 25-26 October 2021**

Recent breakthroughs with regard to Encrochat, Sky ECC and Trojan Shield/OTF Greenlight, involving the successful interception and reading of encrypted messages between criminals, have clearly demonstrated the importance of cross-border law enforcement cooperation, in which Europol plays a decisive role. It is crucial that this work continues and develops, in order to be one step ahead of the criminals and to try to ensure that they do not move their activities to other communications services.

- In the opinion of Europol, what needs to be done in order to continue to be at the forefront as regards digital communication technology that can be exploited by criminals?
- Are new platforms and tools for cooperation needed at the EU level and/or in the member states?
- How can we prevent criminals from simply moving to other platforms or other technical solutions?

Experience from the above-mentioned operations also shows that the EU member states have different legal and practical preconditions in this area.

- Does Europol see any problems regarding the differences between member states in being able to intercept and read communications on these platforms?
- Is there any risk that these differences will be exploited and that, for example, servers will be placed in member states whose legislation makes it more difficult to access these communication services, or that the differences between our legal systems are exploited in some other, detrimental, way?
- Does national legislation in the member states have an impact on which countries are able to participate actively in Europol-led operations in this area?