

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2899/10
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to the Commission

Subject: Uniform standards in the field of internal security / Implementation of the Stockholm Programme

Following on from the Tampere and Hague programmes, the Council of the Heads of State and Government of the European Union in December 2009 adopted a new five-year plan for the EU's internal security, the so-called Stockholm Programme. Amongst other things, that programme states: 'Security in the EU requires an integrated approach where security professionals share a common culture, pool information as effectively as possible and have the right technological infrastructure to support them.' Joint police operations are also to be promoted.

1. How does the Commission assess the current situation in the EU in the light of the statements in the Stockholm Programme?
2. How can an EU approach contribute to introducing cross-border standards? What elements and framework conditions already exist, what measures are still required and how can they be created?
3. Does the Commission consider that a European network, including a coordination centre as required, should be established to implement uniform standards in the area of internal security? If so, how could this be organised? If not, why not?