

**Question for written answer E-8217/2010
to the Commission**

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Subject: Indect project

The Seventh Framework Project for research, technological development and demonstration activities has awarded a grant of EUR 10.91 million to Indect (Intelligent information system supporting observation, searching and detection for security of citizens in urban environment). The Indect project has caused a lot of concern over its unethical practices, its unjustified monitoring of citizens with no judicial protection and failure to guarantee the right to privacy, and it has even been accused of spying. In their answers to Questions E-1385/10, E-1332/10, E-2186/10, E-3190/10, E-1004/10 and E-6084/09, Mr Trajani and Mr Verheugen made it clear that the project is not a ready to use instrument, but only develops a methodology that is still at the experimental stage and does not even apply to all citizens. It is therefore impossible to judge whether the project complies with the law, given that it is not known what the legal framework will be when the project is ready to be implemented. According to documents made public by Piratenpartei Deutschland on 8 September 2010, some of the instruments proposed by Indect would be in breach of current EU laws.

Are the documents that Piratenpartei Deutschland made public Indect working documents?

If there are so many concerns over implementing the methodology of the Indect system once it is completed, is it economically efficient for the Commission to spend EUR 10.9 million on financing a project that will probably be impossible to implement because it does not comply with the Data Protection Directive?

How can this project contribute to the Seventh Framework Programme objective to fund research and the Lisbon Strategy objective to become 'the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world'?

Why is Indect being funded as a research and development project rather than as a security and defence project?

What specific activities are being carried out by the two Spanish participants in the project, Apif Moviquity S.A. and Carlos III University of Madrid?