

**Question for written answer E-005552/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Police Working Group on Terrorism

The Police Working Group on Terrorism (PWGT) was established in 1979. Europol has observer status in this informal working group. In addition, information gathered within the framework of the PWGT is also recorded in the SIS II information system.

1. What are the benefits for Europol of participating as an observer in the PWGT?
2. Is Europol integrated in the PWGT information network? If so: how does Europol participate in communications? Does Europol feed data into the information network and/or does Europol use information from the information network? If not, why not; are there any plans for integration?
3. Is Europol planning more intensive participation in the PWGT that goes beyond observer status? If not, why not?
4. How does the Commission view the fact that, in addition to terrorism, other subjects, such as (political) extremism, are also dealt with in the group?
5. How many records have been entered into SIS II on the basis of information from the PWGT, and in which areas?
6. Is information from the PWGT stored in other European databases, such as those operated by Europol? If so, in which ones?