

Question for written answer E-001496/2016
to the Commission
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Subject: The 'security' priority area of the EU Strategy for the Danube region

A meeting of the home affairs ministers and delegates of home affairs ministries of the countries in the Danube region was held in Sofia on 21-22 January 2016 under the auspices of cooperation in the field of the 'security' priority area of the EU Strategy for the Danube region. The meeting was devoted to combating terrorism in the Danube region. The ministers came to the unanimous conclusion that in order to combat terrorism effectively, cooperation should be initiated in the field of prevention, border security, protection of critical infrastructure from terrorist activities and information exchange.

In view of the challenges currently posed by terrorist threats:

1. Does the Commission intend to propose a mechanism for establishing a permanent dialogue with the EU's counter-terrorism coordinator as part of the EU Strategy for the Danube region, with a view to updating and aligning national strategies on the prevention, border security and information exchange with those at EU level?
2. Will the Commission encourage, and grant technical and specialist assistance for, the organisation as part of the work in this priority area of combined specialised counter-terrorism training sessions for experts from the countries of the Danube region?