

**Question for written answer E-004152/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Europol's Internet Referral Unit

On 1 July 2015, Europol's Internet Referral Unit was set up on 1 July 2015 to combat terrorist propaganda on the internet. Research shows that the social media are a source of valuable intelligence information. The Unit's main aim is to allow Europol to be better prepared to combat new threats to Europe's security. The team will try to prevent conflicts and is to cooperate with a network of national contact points.

1. Does the Commission intend to establish a mechanism for the monitoring and analysis of the activities and achievements of this new Europol unit?
2. Can it provide information on national contact points with which the Unit is cooperating?
3. Will the Commission prepare an activity report for the first year the unit has been in operation?