

Question for written answer E-006045/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Stepping up the fight against terrorist financing

The latest Eurobarometer representative survey, which was commissioned by the European Parliament and conducted in all the EU Member States, has shown that the fight against terrorism should be a key priority for the EU. 42% of the EU citizens surveyed felt that measures to cut off funding to terrorist groups were amongst the most urgent when it came to countering the threat of terrorism. In view of the need to make swift progress in the field of legislative action to combat terrorist financing, and as provided for in the Commission Action Plan for Strengthening the Fight against Terrorism of 2 February 2016 and in the Council conclusions of 12 February 2016, can the Commission state:

1. whether it has taken any action to strengthen cooperation between financial intelligence units, as is set out in the Action Plan for Strengthening the Fight against Terrorism and, if so, what form this has taken;
2. whether it plans to adopt enhanced due diligence measures in respect of high risk third countries and, if so, what precise form these will take and within what timeframe?