Question for written answer E-006096/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Zoltán Balczó (NI)

Subject: Terrorism and radicalisation in Europe

The recent deplorable terrorist acts and killings have made it vital that we prioritise the fight against terrorism and radicalisation.

In spring 2016 the European Parliament conducted a survey in all 28 Member States designed to find out what Europe's citizens think of the measures taken by the EU in the fight against terrorism and radicalisation. The results were clear: people see the most important action as combating the financing of terrorist groups and the causes of radicalisation.

The results of the survey are worrying: Europe's citizens see the action taken by the EU as unsatisfactory. In terms of the fight against terrorism, 69% of those surveyed consider the steps taken by the EU to be inadequate, and 82% think it should take more drastic action. It is clear from the data gathered what action Europe's people think should be taken to prevent radicalisation.

September 2011 saw the creation of the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN), which aims to prevent the development of radicalisation and violent extremism. The Commission plays a key role in implementing and coordinating the organisation's work.

In the light of the foregoing I would like to ask:

Against the background of the worsening migrant crisis and the heightened societal need to combat terrorism, what action is the RAN taking to prevent the spread of Islamic radicalisation in Europe?

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