

Question for written answer E-006101/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Official warning information of disasters, accidents or attacks

Much too often in recent months, terrorist attacks have shaken Europe, and natural disasters have regularly wrought havoc and destruction. Although cooperation between emergency services across Europe now works well, there is still a lack of reliable warning information for citizens, who may be made to feel insecure by local news and false alarms on social networks and the new media.

1. Is the Commission aware of the free mobile app called “KATWARN” developed by the Fraunhofer Institute that is increasingly being used in Germany?
2. Does the Commission consider that enhancing the provision of official warning information to the public in the event of disasters, accidents or attacks is important, and does it support the development of a Europe-wide warning system along the lines of “KATWARN”?