

**Question for written answer E-009043/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Jeroen Lenaers (PPE)

Subject: Leak of Europol files from the Dutch police

On Wednesday, 30 November 2016, it was reported in the Dutch media that secret Europol files had been leaked. Europol and European police forces share information on the basis of mutual trust and subject to a strict obligation of secrecy. This shared information may be very important for the investigation and prevention of terrorist attacks and in tackling serious crime. Since the attacks in Paris and Brussels, this important exchange of information has been considerably improved, albeit not without difficulty.

1. Is the Commission aware of this news?
2. Can the Commission indicate the volume of the leaked documents and in connection with what investigation these data were exchanged?
3. What measures will be taken to prevent a similar incident in future?