

**Question for written answer E-005938/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: A comprehensive inter-agency strategy against cybercrime

EU agencies such as Europol and Frontex are essential for the EU's internal security and border management. In the light of the increasing threat of cyberattacks by malevolent actors on Member States and the critical infrastructure of the EU and its agencies:

1. Does the Commission anticipate the establishment of a high-level working group whereby all EU agencies can exchange best practice and evaluate overall preparedness, especially as the EU moves towards greater interoperability of its systems?
2. Is the current allocation of human and financial resources for EU agencies enabling them to meet the objectives set for them with regard to cybersecurity? Are there enough staff with the relevant skills and expertise in cybersecurity to offer sufficient protection for EU agencies, and how does the EU intend to attract and retain talent in this area and compete with the private sector for qualified candidates?