

**Question for written answer E-000267/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Europol decryption platform

At the end of 2020, Europol launched its decryption platform, with the aim of combating criminal abuse of encryption.

1. How exactly will Europol achieve that goal? Will it decrypt digital devices offline (confiscated hard disks, mobile phones and other storage media) and online (data stored in the cloud), both retrospectively and instantly?
2. Will Europol counter end-to-end encryption? If so, how?
3. If not, will Europol implement specific policies to ensure that the technology used or developed to decrypt devices does not lead to the development of software or hardware that can be used to counter end-to-end encryption?
4. Will Europol buy, develop or use Trojan software or provide it to national law enforcement authorities to access end-to-end-encrypted data?