

**Question for written answer E-001243/2021**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

Rule 138

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Subject: Democratic oversight of the EU Intelligence and Situation Centre (INTCEN)

There appears to be little democratic accountability for the EU Intelligence and Situation Centre (INTCEN). Its transfer from the Western European Union in its previous incarnation, and the legal basis for that transfer, is opaque.

Given that there is no apparent legal basis for its existence, and no democratic oversight of its performance, can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy:

1. specify the legal basis for the existence of INTCEN within the European External Action Service;
2. say which Members of the European Parliament are cleared to receive INTCEN briefings, including access to INTCEN documentation, and explain the basis on which these Members are selected to receive such briefings;
3. provide details of INTCEN's current relationships with Member State intelligence and security agencies.