

**Question for written answer E-003109/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: CEPOL cooperation with Algeria and other North African states

According to information from the human rights organisation Privacy International, the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) held training sessions on online monitoring and data mining on the internet (for example on social media) for the Algerian gendarmerie in April 2019. It took only months for reports of online disinformation campaigns which may have been conducted by the Algerian authorities against targets including the Hirak protest movement, to become commonplace.

1. How does CEPOL cooperate with Algeria, which authorities are formally and informally involved, and what details can the Commission disclose about CEPOL's four activities on the ground (when, where, which authorities were involved, what were the topics?) and the 85 trained Algerian security officers<sup>1</sup>?
2. What additional activities has CEPOL carried out since October 2019, when, where and for which Algerian authorities, and has software or hardware been delivered to Algeria as part of CEPOL's cooperation with Algeria since 2018?
3. With which North African countries (Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Morocco) does CEPOL cooperate formally or informally, and what action has been taken by CEPOL for which security, judicial, or law enforcement authorities in those countries, and when and where has this action taken place?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cepola.europa.eu/media/news/algerian-delegation-visits-cepola-first-time>