

**Question for written answer E-003129/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU protection against crime and terror

Internal security must now be regarded as an EU responsibility too. Criminals and terrorists do not stop at national borders. The EU must protect its citizens. It is vital that national security authorities in the EU cooperate intensively.

1. How does the Commission plan to strengthen Europe's police authority, Europol, and to develop it into a European FBI with investigative and arrest powers?
2. Does the Commission intend to allow national police forces and security authorities to routinely request information from the EURODAC database and to link this database to the Visa Information System and the Schengen Information System in the future?
3. Is the Commission planning to expand Europol's European Counter-Terrorism Centre?