

**Question for written answer E-004447/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Employment of embassy personnel and local staff from Afghanistan by Europol

In an Action Plan (Council Document 11556/21), the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator has proposed 22 measures for dealing with Afghan refugees and evacuees from the country. These include Europol monitoring the internet for extremist or terrorist activity and travel to and from Afghanistan. To this end, it is proposed that the Internet Referral Unit recruit from the families and local staff of the EU Delegation, which was evacuated from Kabul. The internet would also be scoured for 'extreme right- and left-wing extremist discourse' about Afghanistan.

1. What action has Europol taken in the wake of the Taliban's seizure of power in Afghanistan, and what further action is planned?
2. Has Europol endeavoured to recruit staff from the families and local staff of the EU Delegation, which was evacuated from Kabul, and how many staff are working in which areas as a result?
3. Does Europol consider it necessary to scour the internet for 'extreme right- and left-wing extremist discourse' in the context of Afghanistan, and if so, why?