

ORAL QUESTION H-0324/08
for Question Time at the part-session in May 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Fighting crime and protecting victims

The Portuguese Presidency devoted a fair amount of attention to measures designed to protect the victims of crime, especially since new technologies can - as we know - threaten the safety of children and youngsters. We also know that globalisation calls for greater cooperation between the judiciary and the police, especially in efforts to combat terrorism and organised crime. However, the contributions made by Europol and Eurojust (the importance of which I have repeatedly emphasised) will not by themselves lead to greater cooperation.

Since - as a matter of urgency - greater efforts must be made to fight crime, to protect victims and to uphold fundamental rights, what new measures and initiatives is the Council planning which may result in effective action against new forms of crime and proper protection for victims (especially children and youngsters)?

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