

**Question for written answer P-5884/2010  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Coordination of cyber-security at EU level

The Internet has made it possible to induce every citizen of Europe to change their way of life constantly, irrespective of national boundaries. While there are a good many positive aspects to this, it also means that, as the Internet has become a decisive element in our everyday lives, in parallel our defencelessness and vulnerability to it are growing, and the Internet is gradually becoming a vital element in warfare. This situation requires a new kind of extremely up-to-date preparedness, both legally and technically, which - in view of the significance and international nature of the phenomenon - could afford genuine added value at Union level. As the issue also raises security and defence concerns, it is more necessary to actively promote cooperation within the EU institutional framework.

How will the Commission encourage the efforts made in the field of cyber-security by the various EU agencies, for example the European Defence Agency or the European Network and Information Security Agency, as well as other EU institutions, with the aim of ensuring that work proceeds in an efficient, concentrated, coordinated, results-driven manner, avoiding duplication of effort, and that legislation is adopted which can be transposed and implemented as quickly as possible?