

**Question for written answer P-008795/2012  
to the Commission  
Rule 117  
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Subject: CleanIT

On 21 September 2012, the non-profit association European Digital Rights released a document written by the Commission-funded CleanIT project regarding the use of the internet for terrorist purposes<sup>1</sup>. The document raises serious concerns regarding the compatibility of the project's activities and proposals with fundamental rights, notwithstanding assurances made on the project's website that the project 'does not aim to restrict internet freedom, but we do have security concerns and want to limit the use of the internet for terrorist purposes'<sup>2</sup>. The Commission is also funding projects such as the 'CEO Coalition' to fight child abuse material on the internet.

Has the Commission assessed which repercussions such projects will have on the 'No disconnect' strategy and, in general, on external policies in favour of strengthening freedoms on the internet?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.edri.org/cleanIT>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.cleanitproject.eu/faq/>