

**Question for written answer P-008906/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Clean IT

On 21 September 2012, European Digital Rights, a civil rights organisation, released a document written by the Commission-funded Clean IT project on the use of the internet for terrorist purposes¹. The document raises serious concerns regarding the compatibility of the project's activities and proposals with fundamental rights, despite the assurances 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'². The Commission is also funding projects such as the 'CEO Coalition' to fight child abuse material on the internet.

Why has the Commission funded a 'cooperation' project which appears to have no minimum obligations regarding levels of representativeness of the participants?

¹ <http://www.edri.org/cleanIT>

² <http://www.cleanitproject.eu/faq/>