

**Question for written answer P-005484/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Preventing online dissemination of terrorist content

It is important that technology companies, whether national or multinational, are subject to effective regulation in the public interest. This should include legitimate measures to prevent the placing and sharing of unlawful content on the internet that genuinely constitutes terrorist activities or other serious crime. However, the recent Commission proposal for a regulation on preventing the dissemination of terrorist content online (COM(2018)0640) may not in fact properly tackle the issues it seeks to address, and indeed could have unfortunate unintended consequences for other key Union policy objectives. Therefore, would the Commission please clarify:

1. How it is planning to ensure additional support for Member States' authorities to reinforce the effectiveness of proactive measures to prevent uploads of terrorist content?
2. What specific impact assessment has been carried out regarding the risk of the inappropriate application of this measure leading to a negative and unjustified impact on the activities of consumers, small businesses and public authorities as part of the digital single market strategy?
3. Why are the proposed rules on penalties not more fully harmonised across Member States in order to prevent 'forum shopping' by technology companies regarding their country of establishment?