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INTERPARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING

European Parliament - National Parliaments

Europol and its parliamentary scrutiny in the framework of EU Internal Security policies

Monday 28 November 2016, 15h00-18h30

European Parliament, Brussels

Room: Jozsef Antall (4Q2)

General introduction

The EU is currently facing substantial security challenges. Terrorism, organised crime, cybersecurity and radicalisation are at the top of the political agenda. Within the Union and the Schengen area, the internal security of one Member State is almost by definition the internal security of all Member States. Therefore, there is an urgent need for all Member States to work together, to promptly share all relevant information and to improve common analysis and operational coordination.

As the EU's law enforcement agency, Europol plays a central role in supporting and strengthening cooperation between and joint action by the national police forces. On 11 May 2016, a new Europol Regulation was adopted, putting Europol on an even stronger footing. The new Regulation, applicable as of 1 May 2017, will ensure a robust data protection regime for Europol, and will provide the agency with a flexible and modern data management system, which will allow Europol to improve its support to Member States in the fight against terrorism and organised crime.

An important part of the new Europol Regulation is the fact that Europol will be under proper democratic scrutiny by the European Parliament and the national Parliaments jointly. In accordance with Article 88 TFEU, the Europol Regulation establishes a Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) to “politically monitor Europol’s activities in fulfilling its mission, including as regards the impact of those activities on the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons”. The Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments agreed in May 2016 a step-by-step approach to define the modalities of this JPSG, including the organization of an interparliamentary meeting.

This interparliamentary meeting will discuss the EU internal security policies and Europol’s role therein, as well as its parliamentary scrutiny and the further modalities of the JPSG.

Background documents

[The European Agenda on Security \(28 April 2015\)](#)

[Delivering on the European Agenda on Security to fight against terrorism and pave the way towards an effective and genuine Security Union \(20 April 2016\)](#)

[Europol Regulation \(11 May 2016\)](#)

[First progress report towards an effective and genuine Security Union \(12 October 2016\)](#)

[Second Progress report towards an effective and genuine Security Union \(16 November 2016\)](#)

Order of business

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15.00 – 15.05 Introductory remarks by Claude MORAES, Chair of the LIBE Committee, European Parliament

15.10 – 16.20	SESSION I: Setting the scene - making the Security Union a reality and the role of Europol therein: operational cooperation, information sharing and trust
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15.10 – 15.20 Julian KING, Commissioner Security Union, European Commission

15.20 – 15.30 Rob WAINWRIGHT, Director, Europol

15.30 – 15.40 Dominique RAIMBOURG, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Acts, Legislation and General Administration, French National Assembly

15.40 – 16.20 Debate between members of national Parliaments and the European Parliament

16.20 – 18.30

SESSION II: Towards an effective and workable parliamentary scrutiny of Europol

- 16.20 – 16.30 Edita PFUNDTNER, rapporteur of the Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic for European Affairs in the Field of Justice and Home Affairs, Troika Working Group on Europol JPSG Modalities
- 16.30 – 16.40 Augustin DIAZ DE MERA, Member of the European Parliament, former EP rapporteur of the Europol Regulation
- 16.40 – 16.50 Anita SCHÄFER, Member of the German Bundestag, Committee on Internal Affairs
- 16.50 – 17.00 Hans BORN, Deputy Head of the Research Division, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)
- 17.00 – 17.10 Ines STRENJA-LINI , Member of the Committee on Domestic Policy and National Security, Croatian Parliament - best practices of parliamentary scrutiny on national level
- 17.10 – 18.25 Debate between members of national Parliaments and the European Parliament
- 18.25 – 18.30 Conclusions by Claude MORAES, Chair of the LIBE Committee, European Parliament