

Civil Liberties MEPs quiz Gilles de Kerchove on counter-terrorism measures

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In the wake of this summer's terrorist attacks in Europe, EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator Gilles de Kerchove debated trends revealed by such attacks and EU counter-terrorism measures with Civil Liberties Committee MEPs on Monday afternoon.

MEPs quizzed Mr de Kerchove on his plans to cooperate with newly-appointed security Commissioner Sir Julian King, information exchange, prevention strategies and the possibility of training Imams in Europe. They also asked how smaller towns could counter the risk of an attack and EU member states' progress in implementing the EU Passenger Name Record (PNR) directive approved in April.

On 31 August, MEPs debated this summer's attacks in France and Germany with representatives of the Commission and the Presidency of the Council. As Mr de Kerchove was unable to take part in that debate, he attended Monday's meeting of the Civil Liberties Committee instead.

Catch up with the debate on [Video on Demand](#).

Further information

- Public opinion and EU security: exploring the expectations gap (Blogpost, July 2016)
: <https://epthinktank.eu/2016/07/29/public-opinion-and-eu-security-exploring-the-expectations-gap/>
- Combating terrorism [EU Legislation in Progress] (Briefing, July 2016)
: <https://epthinktank.eu/2016/07/15/combating-terrorism-eu-legislation-in-progress/>
- Latest videos and photos:
: <http://audiovisual.europarl.europa.eu/Page.aspx?id=2755>
- Civil Liberties Committee website
: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/libe/home.html>

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