

**Question for written answer E-015549/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Use of European Internet access providers by IS

According to the German news magazine *Der Spiegel*<sup>1</sup>, the jihadi organisation Islamic State (IS) recruits members and supporters from countries around the world via the Internet, in particular via social networking sites. In particular, it uses European Internet access providers to spread propaganda and these providers know the geographic coordinates of their specific users.

The magazine cites documents indicating that hundreds of packages of equipment, such as satellite dishes and modems, are installed in areas controlled by IS. These devices are linked to satellites of European companies that offer Internet access, such as the British company Avanti Communications or the French Eutelsat, while the equipment is delivered via Turkey.

In 2014 and 2015 *Spiegel Online* received the GPS coordinates, and these data show that they are the coordinates of installations in IS-controlled areas, many located in the cities of Aleppo, Raqqa, al-Bab and Deir Ezzor in Syria and along the Euphrates in Iraq.

In view of the above, will the Commission monitor and work with Internet access providers and social networking sites, through ENISA or another organisation, to collect and analyse data on security incidents and potential risks in Europe?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://adapokrites.gr/media-video-photos-articles-interviews-reportage/efimerides-periodika-news-europe-greece/item/25764-der-spiegel-tzixantistes-xrisimopoioun-evropaikoys-paroxous-prosvasis-sto-diadiktyo>