

**Question for written answer E-002547/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Europol agreements – exchange of personal data

One of the pillars of the EU Drugs Strategy for 2021-2025 is international cooperation. It states that ‘strengthening international cooperation with third countries, regions, international and regional organisations, and at multilateral level to pursue the approach and objectives of the [EU Drugs] Strategy’ is key.

In this context, back on 9 March 2023, the Council of the European Union authorised the opening of negotiations for the conclusion of agreements between Europol and the competent authorities of Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru, allowing the exchange of personal data in the fight against serious crime and terrorism.

Subsequently, the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council of 18 October 2023 on the EU roadmap to fight drug trafficking and organised crime also sets out the need to boost EU cooperation with Latin American countries in the fight against this scourge. I would therefore like to ask the Commission:

1. How is the negotiation of these agreements progressing?
2. When are they expected to be concluded?

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