

**Question for written answer E-003659/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: ESG and ARGOS surveillance groups

The European Surveillance Group (ESG) – known as the Cross-Border Surveillance Working Group (CSW) until 2017 – and Europol Network Assembly of Regional Groups On Surveillance (ARGOS) also have informal police groupings at EU level. They are specialised in technical observation and surveillance, such as the use of GPS trackers, covert cameras or mobile units for cross-border tracking. To be able to carry out such operations, provisions for transferring sovereign surveillance rights to other countries are required. The legal framework for these mobile covert measures also falls under the remit of the networks. ESG mainly brings together western and northern European police units, while ARGOS focuses on eastern European countries.

1. How is the Commission, through its agencies, involved in the ESG and ARGOS networks and what are its responsibilities in this context?
2. What is the purpose of the grouping/network and how is it implemented?
3. What ESG and ARGOS meetings have taken place in 2025, and where are these meetings held?

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