

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000425/26
to the Council
Özlem Demirel (The Left)
(3 February 2026)**

Subject: EU intelligence-based police operation ‘B@lltring’

Led by France, the joint EU police operation ‘B@lltring’ aims to strengthen the fight against organised crime relating to irregular migration. It focuses on dark web ‘networks’, encrypted communication services and data transmission protocols. The operation takes a multidisciplinary approach based on judicial cooperation, intelligence sharing and targeted pursuit of ‘high-priority targets’. Key elements include sharing of situational pictures, expertise in methodologies and tools, as well as use of the new ‘B-Insight’ analysis and exchange instruments.

1. Which national police authorities of the EU Member States or other countries are taking part in the ‘B@lltring’ operation and what role does each have?
2. What data types or situational information are collected, processed and shared using the operation-specific ‘B-Insight’ instrument and who defines the ‘high-priority targets’?
3. Where is the intelligence data being shared within ‘B@lltring’ coming from and to what extent are the intelligence services themselves actively involved in the exchange?

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Reply
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The information requested by the Honourable Member is not available to the Council.
