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**Question for written answer E-003167/26
to the Commission
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Subject: Mandate and coordination of the Security College Secretariat

On 22 July 2026, the Commission announced that a Security College Secretariat would be set up to provide integrated analysis on developments in the strategic environment. The decision is a response to the EU's need for intelligence capabilities to compile information, detect patterns and build a common picture of hybrid threats. However, the announcement raises a number of questions:

1. What is the legal basis for its detailed mandate, the sources of information — including classified information — it will be able to use, the authorised recipients of its products and the rules applicable to classification, protection, access and disclosure of such information?
2. How will the Commission ensure that its duties do not overlap with those of the Single Intelligence Analysis Capacity (SIAC) — which is defined as a single entry point for intelligence contributions from the Member States — in order to prevent the European External Action Service (EEAS) from being weakened, stop public resources being fragmented and ensure information is not scattered?
3. What involvement will Member States and their intelligence services have, what powers will they retain over the information provided and what specific products, capabilities or operational benefits will they receive?

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**Answer given by President von der Leyen on behalf of the European Commission
(16 October 2026)**

On 9 March 2025, the President of the Commission announced the organisation of the first-ever Security College ⁽¹⁾. As a dedicated classified format of the meeting of the College of Commissioners, it provides a forum for the Commission to discuss matters affecting the Union's security on the basis of strategic intelligence assessments and situational awareness.

To institutionalise the workings of the Security College, a dedicated secretariat has been established in the Secretariat-General of the Commission.

The purpose of this secretariat is to ensure that the Commission's highest political decisions are framed by a comprehensive understanding of the threats to the EU's collective security, based on the most relevant and up-to-date situational awareness possible.

The implementation of its responsibilities, including the classification, handling, distribution and access of EU classified information, will happen in accordance with Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/444 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information ⁽²⁾.

As Single Intelligence Analysis Capacity (SIAC) is the single point of entry of Member States' intelligence into the EU institutions, Bodies and Agencies, the Security College secretariat will collaborate closely with SIAC across the implementation of its main responsibilities.

Any involvement of EU Member States' intelligence services, including the handling of their intelligence and the possible benefits for EU Member States' intelligence services, will therefore follow already existing procedures established between SIAC and EU Member States' intelligence services.

⁽¹⁾ Press remarks by the President of the Commission on the first 100 days of the 2024-2029 Commission, 9 March 2025.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2015/444/oj>.