

# Brexit and security: perceptions and reality

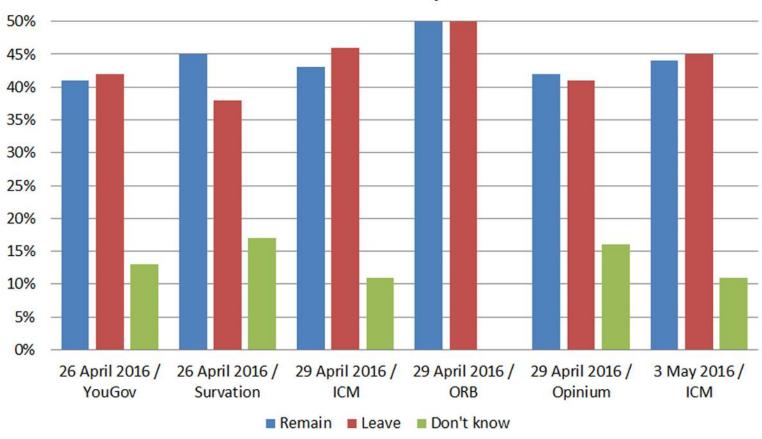


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#### 2. Likelihood...

### Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?



#### 3. Security: Interface between the UK and EU

Intelligence Policing

Movement Prosecution



- Movement and border control
- Intelligence (open versus covert)
- Crime and cells
- Foreign fighters
- National security and defence









Treaty Series No. 21 (2011)

#### Agreement

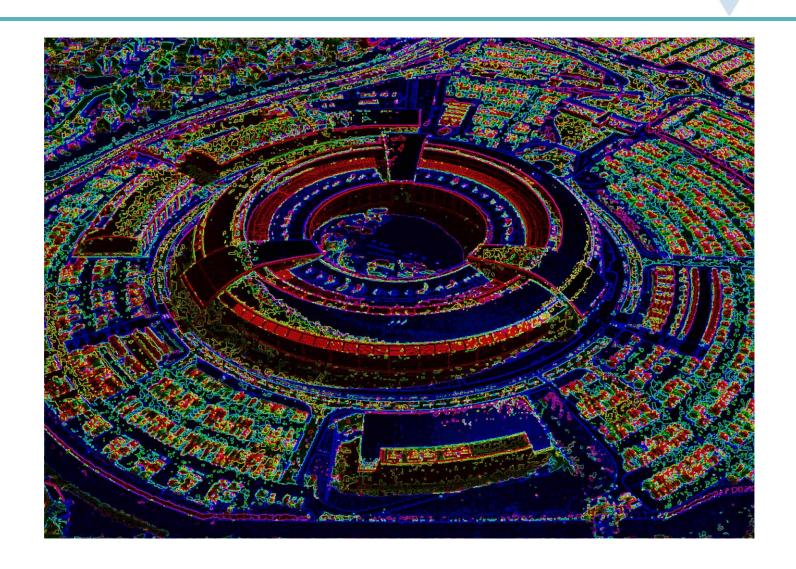
between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning the Carrying of Service Weapons by the Officers of the UK Border Agency on French Territory in Application of the Treaty concerning the Implementation of the Frontier Controls at the Sea Ports of Both Countries on the Channel and North Sea

Paris, 24 May 2011

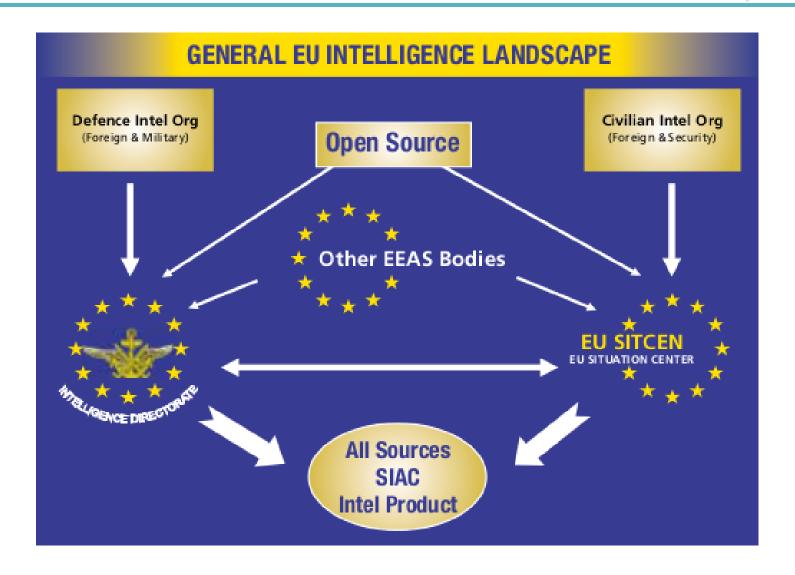
[The Agreement entered into force on 24 May 2011]

#### 7. Spooks – collective and independent









#### 9. EU INTCEN 'services'



Intelligence assessments: Long-term strategic papers, mainly based on intelligence.

Intelligence reports: Follow-up of a crisis or an event, or a thematic paper focusing on a specific topic of current interest.

Intelligence summaries: Focusing on current important events with a short intelligence based analysis.

Threat assessments: Focusing on risks for EU personnel in a given country.

## 10. Response to foreign terrorist fighters and recent terrorist attacks in Europe – EC, December 2015



#### Internal lines of action

In June 2013, the Justice and Home Affairs Council agreed on a series of proposals for action. The Council also invited the Counter-Terrorism Coordinator to present a report on the implementation of these measures at its December 2013 meeting.

In this report the Counter-Terrorism Coordinator identified four areas where EU action in support of efforts by member states would be particularly important:

- prevention
- •information exchange on identification and detection of travel
- criminal justice response
- cooperation with third countries

At the European Council meeting in August 2014, member states called for the accelerated implementation of measures in these four priority areas and the proposal of additional action.

Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs continue to have regular discussions on the issue of foreign fighters. During the second half of 2014 they agreed on:

- •the urgency of finalising the EU PNR directive, calling the European Parliament to adopt its position on the draft directive as soon as possible
- •the need to improve checks at the external borders of the Schengen area
- •the need to improve the judicial response and, in particular, to update the framework decision on combating terrorism
- •the need for improvements in information exchange, highlighting the role of Europol and Eurojust
- •a number of specific actions to accelerate the implementation of existing measures



#### 12. Extra-EU cooperation







#### FBI AND EUROPOL STRENGTHEN JOINT FIGHT AGAINST FOREIGN TERRORIST FIGHTERS

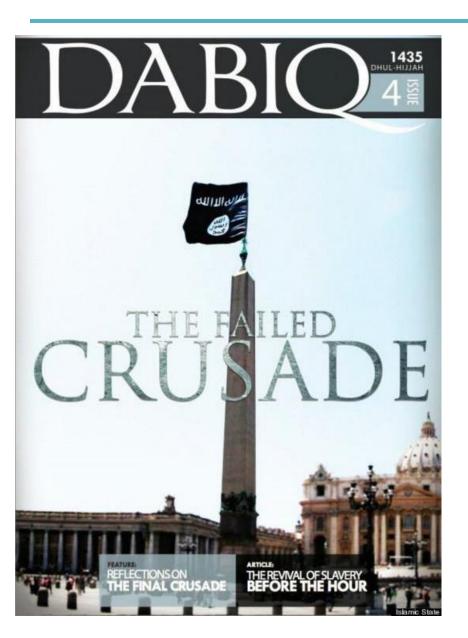
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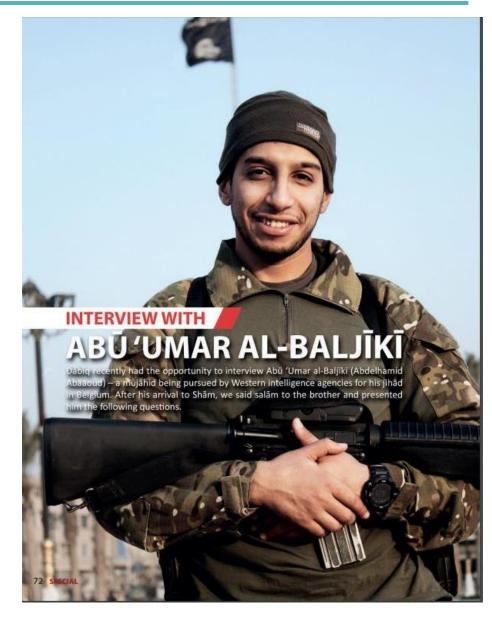
The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Europol, the European law enforcement agency, have signed in Washington a mutual agreement that will considerably intensify the common fight against foreign terrorist fighters. The agreement, signed by FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe and Europol's Deputy Director of Operations Wil van Gemert, enables the FBI to join Europol's Focal Point Travellers.

Focal Point (FP) Travellers is a specialist team of analysts and experts that coordinates EU Member States' investigations into, and data analysis on, foreign terrorist fighters. In response to the concerted efforts of EU Member States, with the assistance of Europol the amount of data on foreign terrorist fighters within FP Travellers has increased substantially since early 2015. "The FBI's active involvement in FP Travellers will give Europe's response to foreign terrorist fighters an extra boost," says Wil van Gemert, Deputy Director of Operations of Europol. "Europol is helping to coordinate an effective international response to the current terrorist threat we are



facing. The FBI is a very important partner in this global fight against terrorism. By sharing information on a more multilateral level, we believe we will become more effective in our investigations into foreign terrorist fighters.





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