Written question by MEP Vladimír Bilčík 30 July 2019

"In October 2018, four suspects were arrested and accused of first-degree murder in the case of the assassination of investigative journalist Ján Kuciak and his fianceé Martina Kušnirová in Slovakia. Europol has provided cooperation and support in investigating this case since the two murders on 21 February 2018.

Would Europol be able to describe and assess its role in this investigation and comment on cooperation with Slovak authorities?

With regards to this particular case of two murders in Slovakia, what conclusions does Europol draw on effective cooperation with Member States and what recommendations for future cooperation in investigating transnational crimes would it offer?"