

**Question for written answer E-007302/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cross-border child abduction

In 2006, the Commission communication entitled 'Towards an EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child' (COM(2006)0367) identified the need to develop cross-border mechanisms to combat child abduction.

Today, only 12 Member States have a child abduction alert system, of which seven are active. Yet thousands of children go missing in the EU every year¹. In its response to Written Question E-005439/2011, the Commission stated it would consider presenting a legislative proposal if no further progress was made.

1. Has the Commission assessed the progress made since 2006 in setting up child abduction alert systems in the Member States?
2. Is it considering, on the basis of such an assessment, putting forward a legislative proposal for implementing a child abduction alert system in every Member State so as to improve cross-border communication and information sharing, and if not, why not?
3. How will it improve cross-border police cooperation, which is needed in order to effectively combat child abduction?

¹ Child Alerting – Memorandum to the European Parliament and the European Commission. Amber Alert Europe, November 2014.