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to the Commission**

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Subject: Measures to improve controls on wildlife being illegally traded in the European Union via Spain's borders

Spain lies geographically close to the African continent which means it could be a key element in the illegal wildlife trade. The illegal trade in exotic species is considered to be the fourth most lucrative illegal trade in the world and the European Union is a key element as it is either a destination, a transit point or a source for many of these species. EU-TWIX was set up to collect data on what is happening in this regard in the EU's different Member States.

What measures will the European Union take to improve controls on wildlife being illegally traded in the European Union via Spain's borders?