

Question for written answer E-012475/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Need for an EU Passenger Name Record (PNR) register for railways following the attack in the Amsterdam-Paris Thalys train

The unsuccessful terrorist attack of 21 August 2015 on board a Thalys train has prompted discussion in all the Member States of the need to tighten security on trains and improve exchanges of information between intelligence services.

The prompt adoption of the EU PNR proposal currently being negotiated is acknowledged as essential, but terrorists do not only travel by plane. In an area of free movement, national intelligence services need to be able to track suspects and individuals under surveillance at all times.

The subject of transport security will be discussed at a meeting of the 'Transport' working group on 11 September 2015, and again at the meeting of the Council of Transport Ministers on 7 October 2015.

1. In the light of the above, does the Commission intend to conduct a study into the feasibility and relevance of a PNR system for international train services?
2. What other action is it proposing in an effort to address the problem of security on board trains?