

**Question for written answer E-012856/2015
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Combating arms trafficking in the EU

The foiled attack on the Thalys train on 20 August 2015 was an unfortunate reminder that the illegal arms trade is alive and well in the EU.

Combating it is an important aspect of the wider fight against terrorism on all fronts.

Could the Council say what it intends to do to in the near future to step up the fight against arms trafficking in the EU?

The exchange of information among Member States is of the utmost importance in this area. What does the Council intend to do in this regard, particularly within Europol?