

**Question for written answer E-012857/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Combating the illegal arms trade 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 Commission say what it intends to do to in the near future to step up the fight against arms trafficking in the EU?