

**Question for written answer E-014352/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Monitoring air traffic

On 29 October 2015 the Commission was asked about the development of a satellite-based technology which would provide the basis for global flight-tracking systems. -

1. How, in the Commission's view, can the security of communications within such systems be guaranteed? We must ensure that all communications and exchanges of data between pilots, aircraft and air-traffic control services are protected: hacking and other attempts at sabotage are becoming ever more frequent, yet they are rarely discussed. The threat is real.
2. The use of this new technology will inevitably generate new industrial demand. Can Europe capitalise on its expertise to promote its own flight-tracking technology in this emerging market? From major projects come major innovations, particularly in the aerospace sector.