

**Question for written answer E-000284/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Sale of firearms on the internet

In April 2015, the Commission presented a European security programme for the period 2015-2020, the aim of which was to help Member States cooperate in order to deal with criminal and terrorist threats to the security of European citizens.

Under this programme, the Commission announced a series of legislative proposals to strengthen gun control, including combating the possession and trafficking of firearms and their sale on the internet and the 'darknet'.

Arms trafficking, which drives organised crime and terrorism, is a threat to security. The attacks in Paris have once again highlighted the need for action to prevent terrorists and extremists from gaining access to these weapons within the EU.

1. What binding legislative measures does the Commission intend to take in respect of the sale of firearms on the internet?
2. Does the Commission intend to ensure that internet platforms act more responsibly with regard to the sale of firearms and ammunition online?