

**Question for written answer E-000504/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Fight against human trafficking and the way forward

The fight against human trafficking should remain one of our priorities in the coming months and years. This topic does not feature in the programme of the Dutch Presidency, although 2016 is a milestone year in this regard. Indeed, the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012-2016 is drawing to an end, and it is time to reflect on the way forward.

Commissioner Avramopoulos announced on 10 October 2015 a first report to assess the progress made in combating human trafficking and a second report on the transposition of Directive 2011/36/EU. Could the Commission provide me with a specific time frame for the publication of these two reports?

The available data dates back to 2012. Is the Commission envisaging a third Eurostat report with updated data? Comprehensive and comparable data will allow for a more accurate assessment of this issue.

In 2012, the Commission announced the establishment of a European Business Coalition to address trafficking in human beings by creating partnerships with the private sector. What is the current state of play of this platform?