

**Question for written answer E-001166/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: EUNAVFOR's mandate

EUNAVFOR, the EU's new naval force deployment in the Mediterranean, has encountered major criticism. The problems lie in the mismatch between its stated objectives and the absence of a clear strategy and mandate. This is likely to create both operational and political risks for Member States.

In view of the need to clarify the EU's tasks in terms of conflict prevention:

- Does the Commission intend to propose an improved way to apprehend and prosecute traffickers?
- Is the Commission planning to shape a comprehensive strategy for the Mediterranean, as part of a revised European Neighbourhood Policy and of a revised European Security Strategy?