

**Question for written answer E-002741/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Use of drones for warhead delivery in terrorist attacks

On 22 March 2016 Brussels was attacked by Islamic terrorists who struck in Zaventem and Maelbeek. No-one knows what the target of the next attack will be, but the EU institutions are presumably on the terrorists' list. At the same time there have been massive improvements in drone technology in recent years. Drones have not only become more powerful but also easier to use and thus steer to the desired destination. It is not inconceivable that future attacks will be wholly or partly carried out by drones, perhaps from tower blocks near the target building. Modern drones can easily carry high-explosive materials.

Do drones feature in the Commission's discussions and analyses of security in Brussels?

Have up-to-date rules been established for the flying of drones, particularly in the city's EU quarter?