

**Question for written answer E-003201/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
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Subject: Closer links between drug trafficking and the radicalisation of young offenders

The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and Europol recently published the 2016 EU Drug Markets Report. According to the report, the European drug market is worth EUR 24 billion per year and is a major source of finance for organised crime groups.

The report indicates that drug trafficking can lead to radicalisation, as criminals who are sent to prison can be exposed to radical ideas during their sentence.

During the terrorist attacks of 22 March 2016 in Brussels, two of the terrorists were known to police for criminal, but not terrorist, activity; the same was true of Mohamed Merah, who carried out the attacks in Toulouse in March 2012. Several individuals who have been involved in terrorist activity - often recently radicalised young people - have committed a number of other offences, in particular through the consumption and sale of drugs, and use their connections with the criminal world in various ways for terrorist activity.

1. Will the Commission launch a campaign to raise the Member States' awareness of this issue?
2. Will a more comprehensive study on the links between drug trafficking and radicalisation be carried out at EU level?