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**to the Commission**  
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Subject: Closer links between drug trafficking and terrorist financing

According to the 2016 EU Drug Markets Report published by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and Europol, Europeans spend at least EUR 24 billion per year on illegal drugs, which makes this one of the main sources of finance for organised crime in Europe.

The report contains an analysis of the links between drug trafficking and other criminal activities, such as terrorism, and how revenue from the former is used to finance the latter. The connection between the drug market and terrorism poses a threat to all 28 Member States.

The report confirms this connection, which was brought to light by the 2004 terrorist attacks in Madrid.

The authorities responsible for fighting terrorism and those responsible for tackling the drug trade currently work separately. By working together, however, they may be able to ensure that certain avenues of investigation are not overlooked.

The Commission is in the process of producing the EU Action Plan on Drugs (2017-2020).

What measures will it take to facilitate a more effective and collaborative approach to tackling drug trafficking and terrorist financing?