

**Question for written answer E-004941/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Stage reached in implementing the EU action plan against arms trafficking

In autumn 2015, as part of the European Agenda on Security, the Commission published an action plan against illicit trafficking in and use of firearms and explosives.

The plan outlines a raft of measures, including strengthening the Internet Referral Unit (EU IRU) and the focal points on firearms, promoting data exchange and cooperation between Member States, and enhancing database interoperability and data collection.

The Commission has also undertaken to assess arrangements for an EU-wide information exchange system on movements of firearms within the EU.

In its communication of 20 April 2016, the Commission reaffirmed its commitment to speeding up the implementation of the action plan.

Can the Commission say precisely what steps have already been taken to bring the above measures to fruition and ensure that the deadlines set in the annex to the action plan are met? In addition to providing updates on the implementation of the Agenda on Security, does the Commission plan to draw up a specific report on the progress made with the action plan against arms trafficking and any additional measures taken?