

**Question for written answer E-005262/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Illegal online markets

The drugs and arms trades are increasingly shifting from the traditional internet to the darknet, the submerged part of the internet iceberg. The result is an anonymisation and encoding of data which makes it difficult to identify users. In addition, the use of virtual currencies, such as the bitcoin, gives users greater anonymity.

These illegal online markets cover up many crimes, such as human trafficking or child pornography, but also help to preserve freedom of expression and privacy.

1. In view of the dangers of the darknet, what measures has the Commission taken to tackle illegal websites?
2. What is the latest situation with regard to cooperation between Member States and Europol's European Cybercrime Centre, in particular concerning cross-border cases involving drug and firearm smuggling using darknet networks?
3. One internet user in three is a child. How does the Commission intend to raise awareness among users, especially children, about the dangers of the internet and the darknet?