

**Question for written answer E-008293/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Strategy for the prevention of human trafficking

The 2012–2016 EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings aims to promote the identification of victims of trafficking, the prevention of human trafficking and the prosecution of traffickers, and to further cooperation, communication and understanding on the issue. Given that combating human trafficking falls largely within the competence of the Member States, the Commission may take measures to support the Member States on the matter and to foster cooperation between them.

In 2016, the Commission published a report on human trafficking in Europe, but this report largely contains data for the period 2012-2014. When will the Commission report on the last two years of the strategy and on its overall success?

Has the Commission succeeded in achieving the strategy's objectives, or rather in establishing official national and transnational referral mechanisms?

When will the Commission establish a strategy for the years following 2016?