

**Question for written answer E-002868/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: Human trafficking in Europe

In March 2017, an investigation by the British newspaper *The Observer* revealed that thousands of Romanian farm workers had been sexually abused or subjected to forced labour by their Italian employers. According to the Commission, the two main forms of human trafficking in the EU are human trafficking for sexual exploitation (67 % of recorded victims) and for forced labour (21 %). The Commission also recognises that this organised crime can come in many different forms and can change over time.

Therefore, in 2011, the EU adopted a directive to tackle human trafficking. Despite this, a 2016 report by the Commission on the progress made in tackling human trafficking states that there are still instances in which this directive is not being applied.

In light of this, what measures will the Commission take to ensure that the 2011 directive is fully implemented?

How does the Commission plan to tackle the new practices related to this organised crime and to adapt European legislation accordingly?