

**Question for written answer E-007840/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The darknet and illegal substances

In June 2017, I expressed concerns over the risks posed by online drug sales. The Commission responded to my comments by referring to the anti-drug action plan they have adopted (2017-2020), though this only mentions darknet markets indirectly. This response also emphasised the successful shutting down of two darknet criminal markets by the American and European authorities.

Europol and the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) are, however, still voicing their concern over this phenomenon. On 28 November 2017, these two organisations actually published a report on the risks posed by the sale of drugs on darknet markets. According to their studies, 62% of darknet sales currently involve drugs and chemical substances.

The report puts forward numerous recommendations, including setting up units dedicated to investigating the darknet within Member States. It also advocates standardising European legislation on the illegal online sale of drugs.

To what extent does the Commission plan to implement the recommendations of Europol and the EMCDDA to combat online drug trafficking?