

**Question for written answer E-003021/2019  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Protecting the integrity of the precious metals market in the EU

US prosecutors have charged three JPMorgan precious metals traders with 'widespread spoofing, market manipulation and fraud' under the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial reform law for placing orders for gold, silver, platinum and palladium they intended to cancel before execution in an effort to create liquidity and drive prices towards orders they wanted to execute on the other side of the market.

1. Do the European supervisory authorities scrutinise the European markets for manipulations of precious metal prices?
2. What steps does the Commission take to protect the integrity of the precious metals market vis-à-vis other assets, commodities and stores of value?
3. What impact does the malign manipulation of precious metal prices have on the European asset and commodities markets?