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Subject: Data on human trafficking

Human trafficking remains one of the most pressing problems facing the EU and many other countries in the world. Despite its 'hidden' character, this criminal activity is estimated to generate billions of euros in profits every year.

If trafficking is to be fought effectively, the authorities need to have more concrete data applying to the entire European area.

Given that the existing statistics offer a picture that is inconsistent as between countries, what measures have been or will be taken by the Commission to correlate the data on human trafficking in order to create a single basis for the evaluation of this criminal activity throughout the Union?