

**Question for written answer E-004536/2011  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: 'Drenica Group' in Kosovo

Reducing crime in Kosovo is the overarching objective of the EULEX mission. According to various reports, between 10 % and 15 % of all criminal activities in Kosovo are undertaken by members of the so-called 'Drenica Group'. This illegal organisation, composed of people who belonged to the 'Kosovo Liberation Army', is exerting violent control over various forms of criminal activity in the region like arms smuggling, stolen cars, cigarette smuggling, exploitation of prostitution, trade in heroin and other narcotics. In particular, there is strong evidence that a very large amount of Afghan heroin is being trafficked through Kosovo to western Europe.

What is the EULEX mission doing to fight this kind of organisation and stop this illegal trade?