

Question for written answer E-003186/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
Zoltán Balczó (NI)

Subject: 'No-go areas' in Europe

Since the terrorist attacks in Paris and then in Brussels, people in Europe are increasingly concerned about internal security and terrorism issues. There are worrying reports in the press to the effect that throughout Europe, in more and more countries, 'no-go areas' – often mainly occupied by immigrants – have formed, into which the country's law-abiding citizens no longer dare go and in which the authorities are unable to enforce the law and uphold order.

Since the attacks in Brussels, the area of Molenbeek is increasingly considered to be one such area in which terrorist cells operate and from which the European terrorist attacks were prepared. According to one worker for a Belgian research institute, anyone can buy an automatic weapon or even explosives in Molenbeek within ten minutes.

Having regard to the above, I should like to ask:

1. Has it occurred to the Commission to investigate the phenomenon of the formation of these lawless areas at European level?
2. Has it occurred to the Commission to carry out an EU-level investigation of what dangers are presented by the formation of such areas?