

**Question for written answer E-004164/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: The EU's priorities for the fight against organised and serious international crime between 2018 and 2021

On 18 May 2017 the Home Affairs Council adopted the EU's priorities for the fight against organised and serious international crime between 2018-2021.

The Council conclusions set disrupting organised criminal groups involved in environmental crime (particularly wildlife and waste trafficking) as a priority and indicated that an operational action plan should be adopted to implement this.

Can the Commission confirm that more human and financial resources will be allocated to tackle environmental crime in the EU?

Will it consider directing these resources to Europol, a crucial agency in tackling cross-border EU wildlife trafficking.