

**Question for written answer E-000141/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Europol data showing increase in organised crime activities in Europe

According to SOCTA 2021, Europol's most recent report, organised crime continues to extend its influence and networks in Europe by taking advantage in particular of the freedom of movement afforded it by the lifting of internal border controls.

The report shows that 80 % of the organised crime groups operating in Europe use legitimate businesses as fronts to launder money, often across borders. SOCTA 2021 also highlighted the fact that 40 % of criminals in Europe engage in more than one criminal activity.

In view of the above, what steps will the Commission take to disrupt organised crime activities in Europe and eradicate these groups?

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