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to the Commission**

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Subject: Security management at European ports

The European Union aims to combat drug trafficking through the 'European Ports Alliance'¹. However, security management at ports is not the same in each country. There are difference, for example, between France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

1. In this context, what specific measures does the Commission intend to put in place to ensure fair competition between the continent's ports in the matter of security management, so as to take effective action against the surge in drugs coming into the EU?
2. What specific actions and technical means does it intend to use to promote cooperation between Member States in order to strengthen port surveillance, exchange of information and coordination among competent authorities with a view to effectively preventing criminal activities?
3. What role does it foresee for the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) in this initiative, and how could the agency contribute to enhancing port security in a coordinated manner at European level?

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_344