

**Question for written answer E-004227/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Surge in drug-related crime in Europe, a scathing indictment of security policy

In an interview with 'Der Standard' on 22 September 2025, Michael Schmid, President of the EU Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust), stated that the EU had now overtaken the USA as the world's largest market for cocaine. Mr Schmid added that cases registered with Eurojust has surged by 60% over the past five years, with drugs worth a total of around EUR 20 billion seized. Most of the narcotics are transported from South America to Europe by container ship, but criminal networks are responding to more stringent checks in large ports by establishing new import routes and increasingly switching to smaller ports ¹.

These alarming findings by Eurojust, revealing as they do a veritable explosion in drug-related crime in Europe, are an indictment of the Commission's security policy and raise questions about possible links with the wave of mass illegal immigration since 2015.

1. What specific measures does the Commission plan to take to meaningfully combat the proliferation of cocaine in Europe and protect the European population from the growing risks of international drug crime?
2. How does the Commission explain the dramatic 60% surge in cases registered by Eurojust and the seizure of drugs worth a total of around EUR 20 billion?
3. Does the Commission acknowledge any links between the massive increase in drug-related crime in Europe in recent years and mass illegal immigration since 2015?

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¹ <https://www.derstandard.at/story/3000000288364/praesident-der-eu-justizagentur-die-eu-hat-die-usa-als-groessten-markt-fuer-kokain-ueberholt>