

**Question for written answer E-004521/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Increasing drug trafficking in southern Europe

This week, the Spanish National High Court's chief anti-drugs prosecutor warned that 'the Atlantic is shockingly full of "narcoboats" and "narcosubmarines"'. The situation affects the Mediterranean and has a direct impact on southern Spain's security. In January 2025, multiple reports indicated that the River Guadalquivir is now the drug trafficking highway in Europe, and has piqued the interest of many international criminal organisations.

What is more, a recently published Committee on Petitions report calls for the special unit against drug trafficking in southern Spain to be reactivated.

In light of the above:

1. Is the Commission concerned about the growing presence of drug trafficking in southern Europe? How is it working with the Spanish Government to tackle the issue?
2. The Commission has already warned the Spanish Government about the increase in drug trafficking. Has it seen any progress by the Spanish executive regarding the police to counter organised crime?

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