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The Commission is fully aware of the evolving threats linked to drug trafficking, including in southern Europe. The most recent EU Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment¹ highlights the growing sophistication and transnational nature of criminal networks involved in large-scale drug trafficking, including via maritime routes.

Addressing these threats is a core priority under the EU Drugs Strategy² and the EU Action Plan against drug trafficking³ adopted in December 2025.

The Commission works closely with Member States, including Spain, through established operational platforms. Spain is an active member of the Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre – Narcotics, which plays a crucial role in detecting and intercepting vessels used for drug trafficking in the Atlantic.

In addition, Spain participates in the European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats operational action plans targeting high-risk criminal networks and cocaine trafficking, as well as in joint initiatives facilitated by the EU Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation, which provides intelligence, analytical support and cross-border coordination to Spanish law enforcement authorities. These instruments ensure continuous operational cooperation to address emerging trafficking routes, including those affecting southern Spain.

¹ <https://www.europol.europa.eu/publication-events/main-reports/changing-dna-of-serious-and-organised-crime>.

² https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/eu-drugs-strategy-0_en.

³ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/eu-action-plan-against-drug-trafficking_en.