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The fight against drug trafficking is a priority of the Commission¹. The Commission is working with Member States to effectively implement the EU Drugs Strategy² and the EU Action Plan to fight drug trafficking in line with the European Council conclusions of 16 June 2026³. The EU Action Plan to fight drug trafficking aims to address the misuse of high-speed vessels and foster innovative technologies to detect drugs trafficking in high-risk areas and transport hubs.

Maintaining law and order and safeguarding internal security are the responsibility of Member States, in line with Article 72 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Under EMPACT 2026–2029⁴, drug trafficking remains a core EU priority. Spain leads the operational action plan on cannabis, cocaine and heroin trafficking and is a Member of the Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre – Narcotics⁵ funded by the Internal Security Fund. This framework supports coordination, maritime intelligence, port cooperation and action against criminal networks using Atlantic and Mediterranean routes, including the threat of go-fast vessels and infiltration of organised crime in ports.

¹ COM(2025)744 final.

² COM(2025)743 final.

³ EUCO 8/26.

⁴ The new European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats Council Conclusions 9397/25.

⁵ <https://maoc.eu/>.