

**Question for written answer E-005052/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Trafficking in human beings

A year ago – on 15 April 2013, to be precise – the Commission published the first EU-level report on statistics on trafficking in human beings, with data being provided for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 from the then 27 Member States, Croatia and other EU candidate and European Free Trade Association/European Economic Area countries.

The report found that in the countries providing data for the years under review, the number of convictions for trafficking in human beings decreased by 13 % between 2008 and 2010.

With this in mind, can the Commission explain what initiatives have been undertaken in the past year to push for an increased rate of conviction for traffickers? Furthermore, has any other data been collected with regard to trafficking in human beings in the European region?