

**Question for written answer P-000806/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Exchange of vehicle registration data between Member States in order to prevent cross-border insurance fraud

With the Schengen agreement and the accompanying increase in mobility, a common, cross-border area for the transport of people and goods has been created. An important aspect of this was and is the exchange of relevant vehicle registration data between the Member States.

Council Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime, in particular Chapter 2, Section 3, Article 12, provides the legal basis for the exchange of vehicle registration data between the Member States. The software created for this purpose is called Eucaris. This system makes it possible to check whether a vehicle that is registered in a Member State has been reported as stolen in another Member State.

However, Eucaris is not as yet able to provide support and information for the investigation of cross-border insurance fraud. For example, a vehicle may be reported as stolen in one Member State although its operator continues to drive it in another Member State.

Can the Commission say whether the Eucaris data can also be used for investigating and preventing cross-border insurance fraud?

Does the Commission consider it worthwhile to develop and open up the system for use by police authorities and other investigative agencies?