

**Question for written answer E-014994/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Smart Borders Package

Following the extraordinary meeting held in Brussels on Friday 20 November, the EU justice and interior ministers asked the Commission to include a proposal to upgrade technologies at Schengen entry points when it presents its Smart Borders package early next year. In the meantime, Member States decided to implement immediately essential systematic and coordinated checks at external borders. In this context, how does the Commission evaluate the feasibility of extending the current level of EU-Schengen border controls, given their strong economic impact on account of delays in goods and business-related transport?

How does the Commission plan to address the current situation whereby non-Schengen EU Member States are directly affected by such a decision?