

**Question for written answer E-015067/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Monitoring online and electronic money transfers to combat terrorism

Nowadays there are electronic payment and funds transfer methods (pre-paid cards and money transfers) that often do not ensure the full traceability of transactions.

The use of pre-paid cards does not require verification of the identity of the payer and such cards were used to finance the attacks in Paris on 13 November 2015.

These loopholes make it easy to use such payment methods for illegal financing, such as that relating to terrorist attacks, and only now are European countries such as France announcing a crackdown on the surveillance needed for certain financial transactions, including deposits of cash at acceptance points.

Can the Commission therefore say what measures it intends to take to regulate the above-mentioned instruments once and for all, in order to limit funding for unlawful purposes, be it in Europe or to and from non-EU countries?