

Terrorists in Europe increasingly make use of firearms. They often rely on the illegal firearms market to acquire guns.

How to combat terrorist access to firearms?



How can we put constant pressure on illegal firearms markets?

Policy and regulation

Operational capacities



Structural
Not merely event-driven

Comprehensive
Counter all dimensions of the trade, not only terrorist access

Proactive
Prioritize actions against illicit firearms trafficking



What measures are needed at the national, EU and international level?



Intelligence

- ▮ Improve data collection
- ▮ Facilitate and enhance data sharing
- ▮ Establish and monitor national focal points
- ▮ Invest in strategic data analysis and research

- ▮ Close loopholes in EU and national firearms legislation
- ▮ Monitor the implementation of EU firearms legislation
- ▮ Adopt firearms and ammunition surrender programs
- ▮ Effectively penalize illicit firearms trafficking
- ▮ Increase security cooperation with third countries



Policy and regulation



Operational capacities and cooperation

- ☆ Adopt a proactive 'investigate the gun' approach
- ☆ Establish specialised national police teams
- ☆ Increase operational capacities
- ☆ Enhance national, EU and international coordination and cooperation
- ☆ Closely monitor specific risks, such as online transactions