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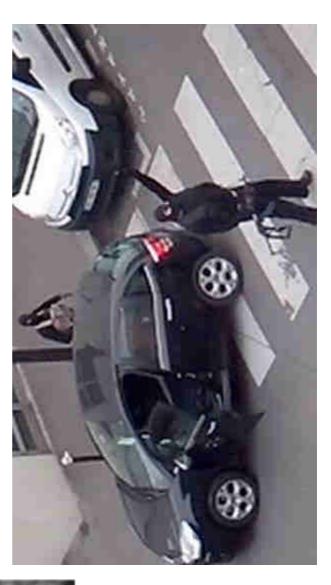
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Internal security threat

- Long history of terrorist violence by separatist, left-wing and right-wing groups in EU
 - Explosives & firearms
 - Contained domestic challenges?
- Growing threat of jihadi terrorism
 - Traditional preference for use of explosives
 - Change in modus operandi:
 - Strategic-tactical choice
 - Contagion effect
- Differences in types, sources and acquisition methods

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EU internal security policy on SALW

- Key documents
 - EU Firearms Directive (1991/2008)
 - EU Strategy to combat illicit accumulation and trafficking of SALW (2005)
 - EU Action plan to combat illegal trafficking in heavy firearms for criminal activities (Dec 2010)
 - New "Firearms Package" announced



EU internal security policy on SALW

- Challenges
 - Operational cooperation and intelligence sharing
 - Legislative action
 - Need for an accurate picture
 - Blurring of division between internal and external security



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