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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
EU internal security policy on SALW

- **Key documents**
  - 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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