

SALW-related terrorist threats to EU internal security

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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 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

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- 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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