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Subject: The Ciatti case and the need to strengthen cooperation between Europol and national police forces to tackle transnational violent crime

Niccolò Ciatti, a young man from Florence, was brutally killed in Lloret-de-Mar, Spain, in 2017, when he was beaten up and kicked in the head outside a nightclub. His killer, Rassoul Bissoultanov, who was sentenced to 15 years in prison in Spain and 23 years in prison in Italy, is still on the run.

This case has raised concerns about how effective the coordination between police and judicial authorities is in addressing violent crimes that involve citizens from different EU Member States. Despite the seriousness of the case and the broad media impact, the investigations revealed limitations and delays in transnational cooperation between the competent authorities of the different countries.

Given that cooperation between Europol and national police forces is not always timely and effective, that transnational violent crime is increasing across the EU and that Europol has a central role in coordinating investigations:

1. What steps will the Commission take to tackle complex transnational violent crimes, such as the Ciatti case, and improve cooperation between Europol and national police forces, including during the stages of investigation and monitoring of defendants?
2. Will the Commission address the limited effectiveness of transnational precautionary measures, including by means of real-time 'data exchange' systems for surveillance of defendants, in order to prevent them from going on the run?

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