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Subject: Rise in violence and crime - Ineffective public security policies

According to research, the rise in unprecedented violence and crime in major cities in Europe but also - over the last decade - in Greece is causing widespread concern and intense unease. According to a recent Eurostat survey,[1] in 2023, Greece recorded the highest rate of reported incidents of violence and crime, primarily among people from lower socioeconomic strata (23.7 %) but also from those with higher incomes (20.2 %). The Hellenic Police reported illegal/delinquent acts of 10 776 minors in 2023.

Occurrences such as wild chases, sudden bloody attacks - especially during the day - in neighbourhoods and local communities, vandalism, and contracts for killings in densely populated areas[2] not only increase insecurity in the daily lives of citizens,[3] but also put their lives at risk on a daily basis. The above highlights the need to adopt immediate and effective public security policies, a fundamental right of all citizens and an asset of every democratic and well-governed state.

In view of the above:

1. What specific policies might the Commission implement to tackle violence and criminality in Europe's major cities?

2. How might the Commission ensure public safety and protect citizens from incidents that cause daily fear and insecurity?

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[1] https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/w/ddn-20250221-1
[2] https://www.efsyn.gr/ellada/astynomiko/456188_i-toyrkiki-mafia-metetrepse-se-far-oyest-ti-glyfada
[3] https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.in.gr/2025/03/02/greece/eurostat-proti-se-anasfaleia-kai-via-se-oli-tin-eyropi-ellada/amp/