

**Question for written answer E-004029/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Protection of the safety and physical integrity of minors in the Brussels-Capital Region

Brussels is experiencing a rise in insecurity, with episodes of violence primarily involving minors. The figures are alarming: more than 3 100 thefts were registered in the city centre's pedestrian area in the first 8 months of 2024 – 69 % of which were on public transport – and 57 shooting incidents since January 2025.

The shared concern is that these episodes increasingly involve minors, particularly boys attending European schools, who appear to have become easy targets for violent assaults in broad daylight.

Taking into account that the safety and physical integrity of citizens, particularly the youngest members of society, are fundamental rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and that the Commission has a duty to ensure that those rights are safeguarded in all Member States, including Belgium:

1. What action can the Commission take to help protect minors who live in the city and attend the European schools?
2. What agreements has it reached with the Brussels-Capital Region to tackle this dangerous state of affairs?
3. What steps can it take to help bolster public safety, including for minors?

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