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to the Commission**
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Subject: Rising security threats in Brussels – what is the Commission’s response?

Brussels, the de facto capital of the EU and host to its main institutions, has witnessed a worrying decline in public safety. Incidents involving gunfire, armed assaults and robberies, including attacks on MEPs, have created a climate of insecurity for EU staff, diplomats and citizens.

Despite generating billions of euro annually from the EU’s presence, Brussels continues to record the highest levels of perceived insecurity in Belgium. The fragmented policing structure and repeated failures to prevent violent acts raise serious concerns about the ability of the city’s authorities to guarantee minimum standards of safety.

Given the strategic and symbolic importance of Brussels as the EU’s capital, the situation undermines the EU’s credibility and responsibility towards its citizens and institutions.

In this context:

1. What concrete measures are being taken by the Commission, in cooperation with the Belgian authorities, to improve security around the EU institutions?
2. Does the Commission monitor whether Brussels meets its safety and security obligations?

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