

Question for written answer E-000092/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Protecting the EU's young people in cultural, entertainment and nightlife venues

The recent tragedy at an entertainment venue in Crans-Montana, Switzerland, has painfully highlighted the importance of safety in cultural and nightlife venues. These venues are part of the social and cultural life of young people, especially in the context of cross-border mobility. Young people and minors in the EU often travel for tourism or to participate in cultural events, expecting a basic level of safety regardless of the country. However, insufficient age checks and underage drinking increase the risks to their physical well-being, especially in emergency situations.

The need for safe spaces for young people is in line with the objectives of the EU Youth Strategy (2019-2027) and the protection of EU citizens when exercising their right to free movement.

In view of the above:

1. How does the Commission intend, in the context of the Youth Strategy, to enhance the safety of minors and young people in cultural and nightlife venues?
2. Does the Commission intend to promote, taking into account the cross-border dimension, the exchange of best practices or guidelines on age verification and risk mitigation?
3. Does the Commission intend to use EU cultural and youth programmes to train organisers and staff with a view to creating safer spaces for young people?

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