

**Question for written answer E-004033/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Women's safety in public spaces and equal access to sport

On 14 September 2026, during a training session in the Don Cadmo Biavati public park in Rome, football players from the ASD Borgata Gordiani women's team ended up having to abandon their session after the lights were turned off, bottles were thrown, and death threats were made by male voices.

The episode highlights a broader problem: the safety of women and girls in public spaces having a real impact on their ability to practise sport freely and equally.

The EU gender equality strategy 2026-2030 aims to tackle gender-based violence and integrate equality into all areas of life. The Commission also recognises the need to ensure a safe and positive sports environment and combat gender-based violence in sport.

In view of the above:

1. What steps will the Commission take to prevent safety in public spaces from creating a barrier to women participating in sport?
2. Does it have any data on the impact of threats, harassment, violence and perceived insecurity on women's participation in sport and, if not, will it push for that data to be collected?
3. Will it step up, including through EU instruments and funding such as Erasmus+, support for local authorities and sports associations to ensure safe spaces and equal access to sport?

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