

**Question for written answer E-004113/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Improving safety in sport for minors and control mechanisms for sports facilities in the EU

The recent death of a 16-year-old football player in Greece and the withdrawal of operating licences from sports facilities highlight the need to improve prevention, safety and the protection of minors' health in organised sport¹.

In view of Article 165 TFEU, Articles 24 and 35 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, Erasmus+ Sport and the EU Work Plan for Sport 2024-2027, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Does it intend, in collaboration with the Member States, to develop common guidelines on the safety of sports facilities where minors train, play sports and exercise, with criteria for regular technical checks, risk assessment and the prevention of incidents that put their health and safety at risk?
2. Does it intend to promote the comparative mapping of national licensing and inspection systems, the exchange of best practices and the collection of comparable data on accidents and safety breaches, also in the light of Article 35 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights on health protection?
3. How does it intend to use Erasmus+ Sport to fund prevention and training actions aimed at protecting the health of minors in sports and does it intend to make the safety of sports facilities and the protection of minors one of the priorities of the next EU Work Plan for Sport after 2027?

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¹ <https://www.kathimerini.gr/society/reportaz/564516808/gipeda-choris-zoni-asfaleias/> <https://www.tanea.gr/2026/10/07/sports/football/anakalountai-prosorina-oi-adeies-11-gipedon-sto-paggaiο-ston-apoixο-tis-tragodias-tou-16xronou-podosfairisti-sti-thaso/>.