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Subject: European collaboration to protect cultural heritage – Commission measures to recover priceless Dacian artefacts following the heist at the Drents Museum

The heist at the Drents Museum in the Netherlands, during which valuable artefacts belonging to Romania's Dacian treasure were stolen, is an incident with a European dimension given the historical and cultural significance of the artefacts stolen and its cross-border nature.

The European Union must swiftly implement existing mechanisms in cases of cultural heritage incidents like this and take resolute action via the specific institutions that exist at European level.

Since protecting Europe's cultural heritage is not just a national matter but also a European responsibility:

1. What specific measures is the Commission considering to improve collaboration among the Member States, Europol and Eurojust over this heist in the Netherlands and to prevent such situations arising in future?

2. What measures will the Commission take in response to this incident to ensure effective implementation of the EU Action Plan against Trafficking in Cultural Goods, adopted in 2022, so as to prevent robberies such as these and to help swiftly recover the stolen artefacts?

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