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Subject: Urgent measures in respect of the mental health of young people

The recent shooting in Graz, Austria, in which 11 people died and two Romanian citizens were wounded, has highlighted a pressing issue – that of violence in educational establishments institutions and its impact on the mental health of children across Europe. This tragedy dictates that we act decisively to prevent such incidents. Although measures have been discussed, the lack of any concrete action is worrying. It is vital that we collect further data to help us understand mental health issues and the factors that generate them, that we improve access to mental health care, ensuring that young people have the resources they need both inside and outside educational establishments, and that we include them in debates on mental health and give them a voice in formulating solutions.

1. What urgent measures will the Commission take to ensure that mental health is treated with the same urgency as physical health and to develop a comprehensive mental health strategy in the EU?

2. How will the Commission support Member States in building inclusive and proactive mental health ecosystems, given the ever-increasing needs?

3. What specific measures will the Commission implement to ensure that counselling services and student support programmes are properly funded and made accessible to all young people?

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