

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001695/24
to the Commission
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Subject: Attack on Nord Stream 1 and 2

1. How does the Commission intend to support the investigation into the destruction of the Nord Stream pipelines and ensure that those responsible are brought to justice, and what measures are being taken to prevent future attacks on European critical infrastructure?
2. How does the Commission view the failure of the Polish courts to execute a European arrest warrant against a suspect?

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**Answer given by Ms Johansson on behalf of the European Commission
(25 November 2024)**

1. The investigations on the sabotage against the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines fall under the responsibility of authorities in Germany, after investigations in Denmark and Sweden have been closed. The Commission has not been asked to support the investigation.

To support the prevention of further attacks, the Commission engages with Member States and the European External Action Service in a regular classified exchange on the threat to critical infrastructure and to enhance preparedness, response and international cooperation as laid out in the Council Recommendation on a coordinated approach by the EU to strengthen the resilience of critical infrastructure ⁽¹⁾. Furthermore, the directive on the resilience of Critical Entities ⁽²⁾ is being transposed by Member States. Additionally, the revised EU maritime security strategy (EUMSS) ⁽³⁾ includes a variety of actions that will improve surveillance, protection and resilience of infrastructure, including energy pipelines from conventional, hybrid and cyber-attacks.

2. The European arrest warrant is a judicial procedure between judicial authorities in the EU Member States based on the particular circumstances of each individual case where surrender is requested. The Commission cannot interfere with, or influence the individual decisions taken by judicial authorities in this case.

⁽¹⁾ Council Recommendation of 8 December 2022 on a Union-wide coordinated approach to strengthen the resilience of critical infrastructure 2023/C 20/01 ST/15623/2022/INIT (OJ C 20, 20.1.2023, p. 1-11).

⁽²⁾ Directive (EU) 2022/2557 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 on the resilience of critical entities and repealing Council Directive 2008/114/EC (Text with EEA relevance).

⁽³⁾ Council conclusions of 24 October 2023 on the Revised EU Maritime Security Strategy (EUMSS) and its Action Plan; 14280/23.