

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002886/24
to the Commission
Moritz Körner (Renew)
(12 December 2024)**

Subject: Aftermath of 7 October 2023

Since the Hamas attack on Israel on 7 October 2023, antisemitic incidents have significantly increased in the EU. Shockingly, in the Netherlands, police chiefs have admitted to changing duty rotas to accommodate officers who have ‘moral objections’ to protecting Jewish events and buildings such as the National Holocaust Museum.

Would the Commission answer the following questions separately:

1. Does the Commission know in how many Member States similar behaviour by law enforcement officers has occurred? If so, in which countries? If not, why not?
2. Does the Commission know how many EU citizens have moved to Israel since 7 October 2023? If so, the Commission is asked to state how many EU citizens have moved to Israel and from which Member States? If not, why not?
3. In autumn 2024, the football match between Israel and Belgium was moved from Belgium to Hungary after several Belgian cities refused to host the game, citing security concerns. Can the Commission explain the difference between the security concerns in Belgium and Hungary and what best practices Belgium should adopt in security policies that Hungary or other Member States have already implemented?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
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It is essential that all Europeans are able to go about their lives free from fear. As stated in the European Internal Security Strategy, ‘the protection of people, especially those most vulnerable to attacks, which tend to disproportionately affect children, women and minorities, including Jewish and Muslim communities, is at the heart of the EU’s work on security. This is essential to build resilient and cohesive societies’ ⁽¹⁾.

The EU Strategy on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life (2021-2030) ⁽²⁾ will continue guiding Commission’s actions on protecting the Jewish community.

At the same time, national security matters, including actions by national authorities for the purpose of maintaining law and order and safeguarding national security, remain the responsibility of the Member State concerned.

Consequently, policing matters fall within the remit of the Dutch, Belgian and Hungarian authorities.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TEXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0148>.

⁽²⁾ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=COM:2021:615:FIN&pk_campaign=doc&pk_source=EUR-Lex&pk_medium=tw&pk_keyword=No2Antisemitism.