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Answer given by Commissioner Brunner
on behalf of the European Commission
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The ProtectEU Strategy¹ highlights that the threat of violent crime is at all-time high in the EU and has a strong impact on local communities. To reinforce the fight against this phenomenon, the Commission is implementing several policies and is preparing a new EU Drugs Strategy and Action Plan against drug trafficking, and a legislative proposal to modernise the rules on organised crime. Furthermore, the Commission supports the mainstreaming of security into all EU policies.

In line with Article 4 of the Treaty on European Union², maintaining law and order and safeguarding national security remains the sole competence of Member States. With the help of the European Crime Prevention Network and the European Network on the Administrative Approach, the Commission promotes evidence-based crime prevention policies tailored to local contexts, including on combating criminal infiltration and recruitment of young people into organised crime. In addition, the EU Agenda for Cities will address security challenges in cities.

Furthermore, drug trafficking is a major threat to security in local communities³. The EU Drugs Agency⁴ held a European Conference on drug-related violence⁵ where experts explored issues ranging from public safety and health implications to responses and innovative strategies, and interventions. A study is being conducted to advance the monitoring and analysis of drug-related violence and homicide in the EU to better understand its nature and scope.

¹ COM/2025/148 final.

² Consolidated version of the Treaty on European Union - Title I Common Provisions - Article 4, OJ C 326, 26.10.2012, p. 18, http://data.europa.eu/eli/treaty/teu_2012/art_4/oj.

³ <https://www.europol.europa.eu/cms/sites/default/files/documents/EU-SOCTA-2025.pdf>.

⁴ https://www.euda.europa.eu/activities/drug-related-violence_en.

⁵ 26-27 November 2024.