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The Commission is aware of the growing concerns regarding knife incidents in schools across various Member States. However, the collection and analysis of data regarding specific crime types, including knife attacks, fall primarily under the jurisdiction of Member States. The Commission does not maintain a centralised record of knife attacks in schools. Instead, it relies on national authorities to provide relevant statistics, which can then be collected for broader analyses.

The statistical office of the European Union (Eurostat) does not have access to data on knife attacks in schools, therefore it is not possible to evaluate any trends of this crime. Eurostat collects statistics on crime and criminal justice in the Member States annually, on voluntary bases, focusing on criminal offences as set-out in the international classification of crime for statistical purposes (ICCS)¹. Data on police-recorded offences are disseminated in the Eurostat database². Knife attacks could be included under intentional homicide (ICCS code 0101) and serious assault (ICCS code 020111)³.

Preventing violence and radicalisation among young people is a priority for the Commission. Through the EU Knowledge Hub on Prevention of Radicalisation⁴ and the EU Internet Forum⁵, Member States and practitioners exchange experiences and develop guidance on preventing youth violence and addressing harmful online and offline influences that can lead to radicalisation, including in schools. These actions strengthen the capacity of teachers and youth workers to identify early signs of violence and foster inclusion, critical thinking and resilience. They complement Member States' primary responsibility for school safety and crime prevention.

¹ ICCS is available at <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/statistics/iccs.html>.

² Eurostat online database:

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/crim_off_cat/default/table?lang=en&category=crim.crim_off.

³ More information on crime statistics is available on Eurostat webpage:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/crime/overview>. However, separate data on the number of criminal offences or number of victims of knife attacks in schools are not available.

⁴ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/networks/eu-knowledge-hub-prevention-radicalisation_en.

⁵ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/networks/european-union-internet-forum_en.