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As already indicated in the reply to written parliamentary questions E-001695/2024 and E-002766/2024, which also related to the Nord Stream pipeline, the European arrest warrant (EAW) is an entirely judicial procedure between the judicial authorities in the Member States based on the particular circumstances of each individual case where surrender is requested. Neither the Commission nor the Member States' governments can interfere or influence decisions taken by judicial authorities.

Where the authority, which issued the EAW has doubts concerning the correct application of the framework decision on EAW by the executing State, it can refer a preliminary question to the Court of Justice of the European Union under Article 267 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union concerning obligations of the executing judicial authority.

Moreover, the authority which issued the EAW can request the assistance of Eurojust. Eurojust is tasked to facilitate the execution of requests for, and decisions on, judicial cooperation in cross-border cases, including requests and decisions based on the EAW.