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The primary responsibility for public safety and law enforcement, including prevention, lies with Member States. The Commission can only take supportive measures such as facilitating cooperation and sharing of best practices. For example, on crime prevention, the Commission supports the European Crime Prevention Network¹.

Regarding security agreements with the Brussels-Capital Region, the Commission cannot directly negotiate local security arrangements beyond its own premises, but generally encourages collaboration between local, national, and EU-level authorities.

Protecting children from violence, including crime, online as offline, is a core EU objective. To address the specific needs of children, who are exposed to recruitment and exploitation for organised crime, trafficking in human beings, radicalisation, grooming and child sexual abuse, among other threats, the EU will develop an Action plan on the protection of children against crime, encompassing the online and offline dimensions, keeping the best interests of the child as a primary consideration.

¹ <https://www.eucpn.org>.