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Answer given by Mr Brunner
on behalf of the European Commission
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As set out in the Commission's replies to E-000955/2023¹, E-002427/2023² and E-002983/2025³, Member States are competent to maintain law and order and apply public security measures to prevent violence and hooliganism at sports events. As a result, the Commission did not receive specific information about the incident referred by the Honourable Member, as these issues are matters for the national authorities concerned.

Member States have established national football information points to increase the effectiveness of police cooperation in connection with football matches with an international dimension⁴.

The Council adopted in 2022 a Resolution concerning good practice guidance in respect of police liaison with Supporter Liaison Officers appointed by football clubs and national federations to help prevent and reduce the scale of violence, disturbances and other prohibited behaviour in connection with football matches with an international dimension⁵.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2023-000955-ASW_EN.html.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2023-002427-ASW_EN.html.

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-002983-ASW_EN.html.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32002D0348&qid=1680716577862>
(amended by <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32007D0412&qid=1680719079722>).

⁵ <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-13371-2022-INIT/en/pdf>.