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Answer given by Mr Serafin
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission recognises the necessity of ensuring security around the EU institutions, even if the issue does not fall directly under its responsibility.

As part of its duty of care towards its employees and visitors, the Commission works closely with the Belgian authorities, at federal, regional and local level, to address security concerns and to improve security and safety around the EU institutions. The Commission cannot go into detail on security arrangements, but it does play the role of primary entry-point for all security and safety-related emergency situations in and around Commission premises in Brussels, and it liaises daily with the Belgian safety and security services (police, fire brigade, ambulance).

2. In the spirit of good and sincere cooperation, the Commission is committed to supporting Belgium and the Brussels Capital Region in addressing security threats and ensuring the safety of EU institutions and personnel. The Commission does not have the mandate to monitor formally the actions of Belgian authorities with regards to security around EU institutions.