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Answer given by Mr Brunner
on behalf of the European Commission
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As the question concerns a possible form of support to Member States by Europol, the EU Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation, and refers to several criminal offences, including forms of crime that fall within the scope of Europol's mandate, the Commission has asked this agency to deliver the reply to the question put forward by the Honourable Member. The reply of the agency will be transmitted by the Commission to the Honourable Member as soon as possible.

The Commission is committed to enhancing the capacity of EU agencies and bodies to combat cross-border organised crime. In line with the Political Guidelines¹ and the ProtectEU Strategy², it will propose in 2026 legislation to transform Europol into a truly operational agency, fully delivering on its support role to Member States. The Commission has also proposed to increase the funding for Europol under the next multiannual financial framework to boost the agency's operational capacity.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf.

² COM(2025) 148 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025DC0148>.