

EN

E-000092/2026

Answer given by Mr Micallef
on behalf of the European Commission
(26.3.2026)

Member States are responsible for age verification and underage drinking laws, while Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps promote learning and resilience, and support youth organisations to help create safer spaces.

Furthermore, in 2023, under the Internal Security Fund Protect call¹, the Commission funded 13 projects worth EUR 30 million to strengthen security in public spaces such as shopping malls and entertainment venues. This initiative builds on previous funding, with EUR 22.7 million and EUR 17.8 million disbursed in 2020 and 2022 to projects ran by academia, public authorities and NGOs. On 1 April 2025, the Commission presented ProtectEU – the European Internal Security Strategy², which sets out objectives and actions to ensure a safer and more secure Europe. The Commission will continue to explore security requirements for publicly accessible venues, supporting Member States, local authorities and private partners in their efforts.

Furthermore, EU cultural and youth programmes train organisers and staff in enforcing the safety of public spaces. Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps support capacity-building initiatives, including youth worker mobility training to improve emergency response and strengthen young people's safety and resilience.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/internal-security-fund_en.

² https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-presents-protecteu-internal-security-strategy-2025-04-01_en.