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**Question for written answer E-001094/26
to the Commission
Joachim Streit (Renew)
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Subject: Preventing and combating terrorism

The Commission's anti-terrorism package announced on 26 February 2026 (part of ProtectEU' the European internal security strategy) includes measures for enhanced data analysis, more comprehensive information systems and new security requirements for public spaces. It is important, both with this proposal and elsewhere, to ensure that the principle of subsidiarity is upheld by getting regional parliaments and local authorities involved.

1. What is the Commission doing to ensure that national parliaments and regional authorities are sufficiently involved in the legislative process for new counter-terrorism measures to guarantee democratic oversight and local expertise?
2. The agenda provides, amongst other things, for a stronger role for EU agencies and an expansion of analytical and coordination capacities at EU level. What is the Commission doing to ensure that these measures do not impinge upon the Member States' primary responsibility for national security and do not lead to a gradual centralisation of security competences at EU level?
3. How can we ensure that the centralisation of security measures does not come at the expense of data protection, fundamental rights and parliamentary scrutiny?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission fully respects the principles of subsidiarity and of Member States' sole responsibility for national security pursuant to Article 4(2) of the Treaty on European Union.

The measures announced under ProtectEU Agenda⁽¹⁾ aim to support Member States through enhanced cooperation, information exchange, analytical capacities, and a sharper legal toolbox, without altering this division of competences. The communication is a non-legislative Commission initiative.

Like other Commission initiatives, it is transmitted to national parliaments, which may submit opinions under the political dialogue with the Commission.

Any future legislative proposals stemming from the communication, including any reinforcement of the role of EU agencies or expansion of analytical and coordination capacities, would be prepared in accordance with the Treaties and with this division of competences, including appropriate involvement and consultation of national parliaments and regional authorities.

Conditions and safeguards relating to data protection, fundamental rights and parliamentary scrutiny must be proportionate. The ProtectEU Agenda therefore also underlines that strengthened security action must go hand in hand with robust safeguards, including data protection, fundamental rights and effective oversight, in line with EU law.

⁽¹⁾ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee of the Regions ProtectEU: Agenda to prevent and counter terrorism; COM/2026/101 final.