

**Question for written answer E-002427/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Addressing hooliganism and excluding neo-Nazi football fans from sports venues

Athens was the scene of a bloody incident instigated by neo-Nazi football fans on 7 August ahead of the football game between AEK Athens and GNK Dinamo Zagreb.

The tragic outcome of this deadly attack by Croatian hooligans was the wounding of a number of people and the murder of Michalis Katsouris, a young AEK Athens supporter.

The announcement UEFA made on 19 August,¹ describing GNK Dinamo supporters as 'high risk', is telling. However, while UEFA acknowledges the problem, it fails to take radical measures to tackle the issue in a meaningful way.

Sadly, this social phenomenon is getting out of control, with multifaceted and adverse consequences for education and culture alike, not to mention young people.

As an EU institution, it is our duty to safeguard the principles of democracy, respect, tolerance, acceptance and solidarity.

In view of this:

1. What could the Commission do to prevent hooliganism?
2. What could it do to prevent sports teams from becoming breeding grounds for neo-Nazi organisations?

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¹ <https://www.uefa.com/insideuefa/mediaservices/mediareleases/news/0284-18c689bcd22-237d45ab913c-1000--gnk-dinamo-to-play-uefa-club-competition-matches-without-awa/>