Question for written answer E-001064/2024 to the Commission Rule 138 Angelo Ciocca (ID)

Subject: Expanding the single professional card to include stewards

There are estimated to be between 15 000 and 30 000 stewards in Italy. The lack of clear regulation and a professional register certifying the exact number of stewards active in the country has led to uncertainty for this category of workers.

The profession of steward was established in 2007, but despite the passage of time, no measures have been taken to ensure more detailed regulation and appropriate professional recognition.

It is important to highlight that stewards play a public service role and can therefore be compared to auxiliary police officers. The lack of an official status makes stewards more vulnerable in case problems arise when performing their duties.

Expanding the single professional card to include stewards would make it possible to establish uniform standards of professional qualification and competence, ensuring increased safety for both the stewards and the public at sports venues.

In view of the above:

- 1. Can the Commission consider the inclusion of this profession in the categories of workers eligible to be issued with the single professional card, in order to ensure a safe working environment for all workers in the sector?
- 2. Taking the Italian model as an example, does the Commission not plan to introduce an ad hoc standard for training new stewards through the Erasmus+ programme?

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