

**Question for written answer E-002720/2024/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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**Subject:** Ajax-Lazio Europa League match: discrimination against Lazio fans and unfounded allegations of anti-Semitism

The Amsterdam authorities have announced that S.S. Lazio fans will not be allowed to attend their team's Europa League tie away to Ajax on 12 December 2024, justifying the decision on public order grounds and by alleging that some Lazio fans have expressed anti-Semitic views and have behaved like far-right extremists.

This blanket decision discriminates against the entire Lazio fan base by overlooking the fact that each individual is accountable for their own actions and by violating the fundamental principles of the European Union, such as non-discrimination and the free movement of persons.

The ban also reinforces negative stereotypes and undermines Lazio's continued commitment to combating racism and anti-Semitism. For years, the club, led by Chairman Claudio Lotito, has been promoting educational and cultural initiatives to raise awareness among supporters and combat all forms of discrimination.

In the light of the above:

1. In the Commission's view, does the decision to ban Lazio fans comply with the principles of non-discrimination and the free movement of persons enshrined in the EU Treaties?
2. Does the Commission not think that both UEFA and the Dutch authorities should ensure that Lazio fans are treated in a fair and respectful manner, clarifying the refund arrangements for the sums already spent on travel expenses and tickets and taking measures to ensure that European supporters can safely participate in sporting events?
3. What actions will the Commission take to prevent the proliferation of generalisations that are harmful to the image both of an entire fan base and of a club that is committed to promoting inclusive sports values?

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