

**Question for written answer E-003673/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Imposition by public authorities of collective travel bans on away supporters in UEFA club competitions

The Commission's attention is drawn to the increasing number of collective travel bans being imposed by public authorities in the Member States on football supporters wishing to attend away matches in UEFA club competitions. Collective travel bans are not only a violation of the fundamental civil liberties of fans, but are also arguably ineffective and counterproductive. In addition, the late imposition of bans entails significant financial losses for fans who have already made travel arrangements.

1. Can the Commission confirm whether the imposition of blanket bans is compatible with the principle of freedom of movement as laid down in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Council Resolution of 17 November 2003 on the use by Member States of bans on access to venues of football matches with an international dimension?
2. Will it further encourage the Member States to facilitate legitimate supporter behaviour in accordance with the EU Football Handbook (Council Resolution 2016/C 444/01) and impose this kind of restrictive measure only if there are exceptional circumstances such as force majeure?
3. Will it urge the Member States to ensure that such decisions follow due process, including a dynamic risk assessment, and that they are made with sufficient time to permit an appeal?

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