

**Question for written answer E-006578/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU sanctions against the Russian Federation and conclusions of the investigation into the Malaysia Airlines tragedy and the Odesa clashes

Senior EU representatives seem interested only in tightening sanctions against the Russian Federation to the detriment of Member States' economies and of European businesses trading with Russia.

What is more, we have received no information that could help shed light on the tragedies in Ukraine this year.

1. Does the Commission have any information or evidence which could help us better to understand the tragic events in Ukraine that have had such a significant impact on international relations recently – specifically the Odesa clashes of 2 May 2014 and the MH17 Malaysia Airlines crash of 17 July 2014? If so, when will this information be released?
2. Can the Commission show objectively that the sanctions it has imposed on Russia will bring positive results that would outweigh the clear economic drawbacks for EU businesses and for Russia's trading partners?