

**Question for written answer E-011270/2014  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Protection of the Romanian minority in Ukraine

The Russian-backed conflict in Ukraine has far-reaching consequences for Ukrainian life and society, far beyond its territorial boundaries.

Despite many positive developments, the new and democratic Government of Ukraine is slow to enact legislation to protect the rights of minorities in light of the civil war that is brewing in the country.

The Romanian minority in Ukraine is particularly vulnerable, being situated in sensitive areas and having a history of discrimination.

What is the European External Action Service (EEAS) doing to protect the rights and lives of the Romanian and other national minorities that are in danger within the territory of Ukraine?

How are the EEAS, the Council and the Commission engaged with the Ukrainian Government to improve legislation to ensure adequate and full rights for the Romanian minority in Ukraine?