

**Question for written answer E-002054/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: Elections in Hungary

In his preliminary analysis of the Hungarian elections, the head of the OSCE monitoring mission, Douglas Wake, states that, although fundamental rights were generally respected, they were 'exercised in an adverse climate', remarking that access to information and the freedoms of the media and association were 'restricted' through recent legal reforms. He also regrets that Hungarian citizens were not able to make 'a fully informed choice' at the polls on Sunday. In addition, he criticises the 'quite hostile and xenophobic' rhetoric used in the campaign.

What is the Commission's assessment of these robust criticisms and does it share them?