

**Question for written answer P-006804/2016/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Restitution of ethnic Romanians' property confiscated in Ukraine in the Soviet era

Ukraine has undertaken, both as a state governed by the rule of law and in its agreements with the EU, to respect the right to property, the right of EU citizens to own property in Ukraine and the right to recover property wrongly confiscated, in line with European standards.

Ethnic Romanians living in Ukraine and their descendants, along with those who have left the area owing to the dictates of history, are the rightful heirs to properties within the current Ukraine. A great many requests for the restitution of property confiscated in Ukraine in the Soviet era are currently being made by the former owners of such property or their descendants, many of whom are now citizens of Romania or of other EU Member States. Unfortunately, the Ukrainian authorities are not responding to those requests.

What is the Commission's stance on this issue?