

**Question for written answer E-002345/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Distribution of EU funds for Belarus

In line with the Council conclusions of 12 October 2020, the EU has moved its assistance to Belarus away from central authorities to the maximum possible extent. Consequently, EU bilateral financial assistance must be limited only to areas bringing benefits to Belarusian society.

In light of the above, we would like to ask:

1. What is the current overview of all EU-funded projects in Belarus? Unfortunately, many of the Commission's websites have not been updated for one or two years.
2. How does the Commission ensure that not a single euro of EU taxpayers' money goes to the Belarusian regime? What audit mechanisms (if any) are currently in place?
3. Have there been any confirmed cases of EU funds being used by individuals or companies linked to Lukashenka, as reported by some independent Belarusian media?