

**Question for written answer E-004396/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Rejection of extension request by Czech Government

The Commission has rejected the Czech Government's request for an additional 60 days to respond to its demands. As a result, the deadline fell on 22 September, which is also the date on which the extension was refused. The Commission immediately proceeded to block agricultural subsidies, affecting small and medium-sized farms in particular. These actions were all the more remarkable, coming as they did just a few days before the general elections in the Czech Republic (3 October). The Commission appears to be motivated by political considerations and not least a desire to give a boost to the socialist and communist opposition movements.

1. Who in the Commission was responsible for rejecting the Czech Audit Office's motivated request for an extension?
2. By taking measures that could directly affect the forthcoming elections in a sovereign Member State, the Commission is effectively interfering in the internal affairs of a sovereign country. What provisions of the EU Treaty is it invoking in support of such interference?
3. What other measures are being envisaged by the Commission to undermine governments that are critical of the EU?