

**Question for written answer E-004955/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU military mission in Ukraine

The European External Action Service is considering an 'EU Military Advisory and Training Mission' in Ukraine. According to an EU External Action Service working paper made public, the intention is to 'express solidarity with Ukraine' in light of the Russian Federation's ongoing military activities at its borders with Ukraine. This raises the following questions:

1. Could interference by the European Union not serve to exacerbate tension rather than resolve the situation?
2. Would a diplomatic solution to the problem not be better for business, citizens and Ukraine in general?
3. Are there any concrete plans already in place for what to do if the training mission in Ukraine goes wrong?