

**Question for written answer E-005308/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: European solidarity in the face of the crisis caused by Belarusian hostility

The crisis on the EU border with Belarus is an attempt to destabilise the Union.

The actions of the Belarusian regime would not be possible without Russia's increasing influence in Europe being tolerated. The protection of the EU has required the involvement of thousands of Polish soldiers and police officers, as well as considerable financial resources. As well as being affected by these hostile actions, Poland is also having to cope with the unfair and arbitrary manner in which it is being treated by the EU institutions. This includes: (a) an injunction to cease coal extraction at the Turów mine, which poses a threat to energy security in Poland, and an obligation to pay a fine of EUR 500 000 per day until the mining stops; (b) a financial penalty of EUR 1 million per day until a number of constitutional provisions are suspended, including those on which the operations of the Disciplinary Chamber of the Supreme Court are based, and this is despite the fact that the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) does not have the competence to impose interim measures that extend beyond the competences conferred on the EU; (c) the failure to accept the Polish National Recovery and Resilience Plan prepared in accordance with the relevant rules. The CJEU has extended its powers and created an unprecedented interim measure allowing a financial penalty to be imposed on a Member State.

Given the current efforts to protect the EU's eastern border with Belarus during the ongoing hybrid attack, does the Commission not consider any action against Poland – such as interference with the stability of its energy system, the imposition of interim measures in the form of fines or the unlawful withholding of RRF funds – to be a violation of EU solidarity and the principle of equality among Member States?