

**Question for written answer E-005321/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Payment of court-ordered penalties

On 27 October 2021, the Court of Justice of the European Union ordered Poland to pay the Commission a daily penalty of EUR 1 million for failing to stop applying the provisions of national legislation relating, in particular, to the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Chamber of the Polish Supreme Court.

1. Can the Commission confirm that the Polish authorities have started paying the penalty, and if not, will the missing payments be deducted from payments to Poland from the EU budget? What actions has the Commission taken to ensure the payments are made?
2. Can it provide an overview of all lump sum penalties and all previous and ongoing penalty payments ordered by the Court of Justice against Member States, including the duration of the respective penalties and, for terminated penalty payments, the reasons for ending the penalty?
3. Can it explain what measures it is taking to ensure that the penalties paid to the common budget are not used to finance projects in the infringing country or reduce its share of the gross national income own resource?