

**Question for written answer E-005652/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: New EU sanctions

The Member States constitute a very important market for many other countries. 'At a time of rising geopolitical tensions, trade is increasingly being weaponised and the EU and its Member States becoming targets of economic intimidation', said Executive Vice-President of the European Commission Valdis Dombrovskis, within whose remit this falls, referring to the proposal to implement new sanctions. The interference of other countries in political decisions of the EU and its Member States will be penalised in future with new sanctions.

1. What specific punitive measures, such as import restrictions, punitive tariffs, investment freezes, etc., are planned?
2. What advantages does the Commission expect to gain by tightening sanctions?
3. How will the Commission handle the concerns of the many countries in the Council which are reluctant to hand over any more powers to the Commission?