

**Question for written answer E-001014/2022/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** War in Ukraine: have European troops been deployed to Ukraine?

Josep Borrell, Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, told French television<sup>1</sup> on 10 March 2022 that 200 military officers 'from [his] staff' in Brussels under the orders of a French admiral and an Italian general were organising the transfer of arms to Ukraine and 'matching supply with demand'. A budget of 1 billion euros has been earmarked<sup>2</sup>.

'The tanks need to be ready to go'. 'We need ammunition, heavy equipment, shells, cannons, anti-tank guns', he stated. He, however, refused to say whether European citizens were transporting these weapons into Ukraine.

A war must be carefully planned in advance. France must under no circumstances be seen as an active participant in this conflict.

Can the Commission confirm that no military, ground troops or special forces from any EU Member State are present in or have been sent to Ukraine since 24 February 2022?

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<sup>1</sup> LCI, <https://t.co/cKtdR2oQg7>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.lemonde.fr/international/article/2022/03/12/guerre-en-ukraine-l-europe-tente-de-se-mettre-en-ordre-de-bataille-face-a-la-probable-aggravation-du-conflit\\_6117182\\_3210.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/international/article/2022/03/12/guerre-en-ukraine-l-europe-tente-de-se-mettre-en-ordre-de-bataille-face-a-la-probable-aggravation-du-conflit_6117182_3210.html)