

**Question for written answer E-001137/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Inclusion of Oleg Deripaska on the EU sanctions list

In the Czech Republic last year, the Prague Public Transport Company signed a contract with a consortium of Subterra, Hochtief, Strabag, Hochtief Infrastructure and Ed. Züblin AG for the construction of the first section of the metro line D for CZK 13.75 billion. Oleg Deripaska, a Russian oligarch close to Putin who is on the US and UK sanctions list, but is missing from the EU sanctions list, also has a stake in the Austrian company Strabag.

The City of Prague and I personally find it unacceptable that, in a situation of war in Ukraine, part of the profits from the construction of the metro should go to a Russian oligarch who has been a long-time loyal supporter of Putin.

1. Has the Commission proposed the inclusion of Oleg Deripaska on the EU sanctions list and, if so, which state or states have blocked it?
2. If the Commission has not proposed his inclusion on the sanctions list, then why not, when it is clear that, in addition to his long-standing closeness to Putin, he has directly benefited from Russia's aggression against Ukraine as a major shareholder in the GAZ concern?
3. If Deripaska were on the EU sanctions list, would EU law allow the Prague Public Transport Company to cancel the tender for the construction of the metro line in order to prevent part of the profits from the implementation of this contract going to a person on the EU sanctions list, or in the alternative, what other legal instruments would be available under EU law to achieve the same result?