

Question for written answer E-001356/2022
to the Commission
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Subject: Support to Poland for hosting Ukrainian refugees

On Monday 14 March, day 19 of the war in Ukraine, the Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs Paweł Jabłoński called on the EU to release 'much more funding for Member States hosting refugees' starting with his own country, which has taken in 1.8 million out of over 2.5 million refugees in two and a half weeks. Ukrainians would clearly rather stay in neighbouring countries, and this should be supported.

Referring to the additional needs for schools, hospitals, health systems and psychological support for refugees, he also pleaded for 'the release of post-COVID-19 funds, because [they are now] a much larger society and need much more capacity'.

The Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen, thanked Poland for its 'hospitality, solidarity, determination to do the right thing'. She ensured that the EU will continue to support Member States that help people in need, starting with Poland.

Will the Commission thus release EU recovery funds and lift the sanctions against Poland, which it is not entitled to impose against a sovereign state?