

**Question for written answer E-001444/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Kosovo: Democratic denial and violation of the Copenhagen criteria

Serbia's parliamentary and presidential elections were held on Sunday 3 April 2022. The incumbent President, Aleksandar Vučić, was re-elected in the first round by a large majority.

Serbs living in Kosovo had been allowed to vote in their municipalities in previous elections, but this time the polling stations remained closed.

This is a flagrant denial of democracy, for which the primary responsibility lies with Kosovo's governing authorities, the same authorities which maintain the myth of a multi-ethnic Kosovo when they are speaking to their EU partners.

This discrimination was quietly denounced by the representatives of the Quint – the ambassadors of France, Germany, Italy, the UK and the US – who stated that Kosovo had 'failed to demonstrate its commitment to the principle of protecting the civil and political rights of all its citizens, including of members of minority groups'¹.

Does the Commission regard this flagrant breach of the Copenhagen criteria as a major impediment on the accession path of Kosovo, a potential candidate that is not recognised as a state by five EU Member States and two other countries in the region?

¹ <https://balkaninsight.com/2022/03/23/western-diplomats-criticise-kosovo-for-not-allowing-serbian-vote/>