

Question for written answer E-002210/2022
to the Commission
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Subject: Debt union

The Commission has announced no fewer than three Marshall-style plans in the last two years: the Green Deal amounting to EUR 1 trillion, to be spent between 2020 and 2030, the coronavirus reconstruction package amounting to EUR 807 billion and the reconstruction of Ukraine following the Russian invasion. From 2014 until the beginning of the Russian invasion, Ukraine received EUR 7.8 billion in grants and loans, and a further EUR 10 billion from European development banks, despite ranking 122 out of 180 on the Global Corruption Index in 2021. In addition, generous EU funding has also been channelled towards other corrupt regimes.

1. What risk analysis has been carried out by the Commission to justify the announced funding for the reconstruction of Ukraine, particularly in view of the risk that Russia might thus be tempted to step up the devastation of the country, leaving the Union to pick up an unaffordable tab?
2. In this way, the Commission is running the risk of burdening the Union with debts amounting to trillions of euros. How does it intend to protect its citizens and the single market from the possible impact of high inflation and impending recession?