Question for written answer E-002402/2022 to the Commission
Rule 138

Pierre Karleskind (Renew), Marc Angel (S&D), Terry Reintke (Verts/ALE), Malin Björk (The Left),
Fabio Massimo Castaldo (NI), Sylwia Spurek (Verts/ALE), Kim Van Sparrentak (Verts/ALE),
Robert Biedroń (S&D), Martin Hojsik (Renew), José Gusmão (The Left), Marisa Matias (The Left),
Tilly Metz (Verts/ALE), Frances Fitzgerald (PPE), Moritz Körner (Renew), Hilde Vautmans (Renew),
Francisco Guerreiro (Verts/ALE), Sophia in ’t Veld (Renew), Monika Vana (Verts/ALE),
Radka Maxová (S&D), Maite Pagazaurtundúa (Renew), Valérie Hayer (Renew), Kira Marie Peter-Hansen (Verts/ALE), Rosa D’Amato (Verts/ALE), Aurore Lalucq (S&D), Grace O’Sullivan (Verts/ALE), Tomas Tobé (PPE), Catharina Rinzema (Renew)

Subject: Access to EU funding for LGBTI organisations in Ukraine in the context of Russia’s invasion

Since gaining its independence in 1991, Ukraine has witnessed the establishment and the rise of active LGBTIQ organisations, alongside a significant improvement in terms of public opinion and attitudes towards LGBTIQ people. However, much remains to be done in the country to achieve LGBTIQ equality and to protect individuals from the ever-growing violence towards them.

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has increased the concerns and fears of LGBTIQ Ukrainians, as Putin’s regime is well known for its shameless LGBTIQ phobia and repression of the LGBTIQ movement. This war represents an immediate danger to the future of LGBTIQ people in Ukraine. Providing financial support to LGBTIQ organisations in this context is essential in order to send the message that the EU is an area of freedom and equality for all.

1. Following the decision to grant Ukraine EU candidate status, which new EU funds will Ukrainian LGBTIQ organisations be eligible for?

2. Is the Commission considering specific actions to ensure that Ukrainian organisations have easy access to information on funding opportunities and to support them in the process?