

**Question for written answer E-003415/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: What practical support for Armenia is envisaged after further bloody aggression by Azerbaijan?

On 18 July, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen signed an energy security agreement in Baku enabling Azerbaijan to supply more gas to the EU¹.

On 13 September, Azerbaijan's dictator, Ilham Aliyev, ordered his army to attack Armenia again. Hundreds of people were killed and thousands displaced. Videos show acts of horrific cruelty committed by Azerbaijani soldiers.

The regime's leaders do not hide their desire to recover the Armenian-majority autonomous region of Artsakh, and to carry out, alongside Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, their pan-Turkic expansionist project, to the detriment of Armenia, in order to establish a territorial continuity between all the Turkic-speaking countries in the region².

While an internal investigation by the Council of Europe³ reported a 'strong suspicion' of corruption of elected representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe by Azerbaijan, the Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement, Olivér Várhelyi, said in February 2021 that 'while these are trying times for Armenia, the European Union continues to stand by the Armenian people'⁴.

Is that support still current? What practical measures does the Commission have in mind?

¹ <https://www.eureporter.co/energy/2022/07/15/exclusive-von-der-leyen-flying-to-baku-to-seal-gas-deal-with-azerbaijan/>

² <https://www.revuedesdeuxmondes.fr/armenie-azerbaïdjan-epuration-ethnique/>

³ <https://www.la-croix.com/Monde/Europe/Caviargate-liaisons-dangereuses-Conseil-IEurope-IAzerbaïdjan-2018-04-23-1200933978>

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/fr/ip_21_782