

**Question for written answer E-004060/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Relations with Qatar

On 30 September 2021, the Commission Vice-President / High Representative travelled to Qatar, where he made a joint statement with the Qatari foreign minister. That statement turned out to be one big eulogy to the Qatari Government.

On 27 January 2022, before Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the Commission President tweeted that she had had an excellent conversation with His Royal Highness Emir Tamim Bin Hamad on strengthening the EU-Qatar partnership, including on energy. She underlined how important it was to strengthen Europe's energy security with reliable partners.

On 26 and 27 March 2022, the Commission Vice-President / High Representative participated in the Doha Forum in Qatar, where he met successively with the foreign minister, the prime minister and the crown prince. The closing statement once again praised the cooperation.

On 27 April, Commissioner Schinas travelled to Qatar, where he announced, among other things, that Qataris will soon be able to travel to the EU without a visa.

How many contacts have there been between the Commission and Qatar since the beginning of this legislature?

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