

**Question for written answer E-000454/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Protecting the rights of the Romanian community in Ukraine

Law 8224 on national minorities adopted on 13 December 2022 by the Ukrainian Parliament ('Supreme Council') has caused consternation in Bucharest and beyond.

In addition to the fact that the draft law was adopted without consulting the Venice Commission, it also relates to the long-standing issue of mother-tongue education for ethnic minorities.

Article 11 of the new law states that use of the national minority language for education purposes shall be determined by the provisions 2017 Ukrainian Education Law', prompting protests in a number of neighbouring countries, having significantly reduced the rights of Romanian ethnic minority members to education in their mother tongue.

In fact, the new law simply perpetuates on an official basis the ongoing discrimination against the numerous ethnic Romanians in Ukraine who are currently fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with their fellow Ukrainian citizens.

In view of this, can the Commission say whether it has closely examined Law 8224 on national minorities (communities), promulgated on 29 December 2022, and what steps it has taken to ensure that Ukraine, a candidate state, fully respects the rights of the Romanian community as well as other minorities?

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