

**Question for written answer E-000693/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Dredging work on the Danube

The dredging work that Ukraine is conducting on the Bystroye Canal has triggered a huge public reaction in Romania. Romanian society is concerned, especially as the official explanations being offered contradict one another.

The Ukrainian Embassy in Bucharest has stated that Ukraine is only carrying out maintenance work on this navigable channel of the Danube, but the information published by the Ukrainian Ministry of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development shows that the navigational depth of the Bystroye Canal is now 6.5 m, as opposed to 3.9 m at the start of the war.

As a representative of the people of Romania in the European Parliament, I have an obligation to provide precise official information.

As such, could the Commission please specify whether the financial assistance provided to Ukraine has served to fund work on the Bystroye Canal, which is the subject of dispute between the two countries?

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