

**Question for written answer E-003695/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Situation of ethnic Romanians in Ukraine

The Romanian community is the third largest ethnic group in Ukraine, after Ukrainians and Russians. However, many Romanians have reported facing problems in Ukraine, especially in the Bukovina region, over access to education in Romanian, the use of Romanian for administrative and judicial purposes, access to the press for Romanian speakers and the preservation of religious identity.

I have also been informed by ethnic Romanians that church leaders from the Romanian community are subject to accusations and suspicion and are being harassed by the Ukrainian authorities on ethnic, linguistic and religious grounds.

Can the Commission indicate what steps are being taken to check the situation of ethnic Romanians in Ukraine and thus address these problems, and whether – in circumstances where Ukraine is obliged to respect the rights of all minorities and citizens, something which is fundamental to the functioning of the rule and for accession to the EU – the rule of law is being respected in Ukraine?

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