

**Question for written answer E-000304/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Detention of Ilaria Salis in Hungary

The world saw Italian citizen Ilaria Salis appear at her trial in Hungary in chains. This is the culmination of 11 months of pre-trial detention, during which Ms Salis has been held in inhuman conditions in Budapest. She was arrested during a demonstration on 11 February 2023 for an alleged attack on some neo-Nazis that caused minor injuries to two men, and has been held in a high-security prison ever since. Ms Salis's detention conditions are far from being consistent with the rule of law in Europe. She is forced to eat with her hands and there are bedbugs, cockroaches and rats in her cell. The prison guards have given her dirty clothes and stiletto heels to wear. This is a blatant violation of several EU regulations and of the Council of Europe's European Convention on Human Rights.

The risk of a sentence disproportionate to the alleged crime, the specious accusations, the excessively long pre-trial detention and the inhuman conditions in which Ms Salis is being held compel the EU to take action against Hungary.

1. Does the Commission consider what is happening to Ilaria Salis to be acceptable?
2. Will the Commission seek clarification from Hungary in this regard?

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