

**Question for written answer P-003003/2014
to the Council**
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Subject: Crisis in Ukraine

The current political and economic situation in Ukraine is presenting a number of challenges for the country and calls for a direct and decisive response from the European Union.

The EU sending unclear messages, as it is now doing, can only contribute to further escalation of the crisis.

Along with the recent political instability and the crisis of the Crimean peninsula, Ukraine is also facing the possibility of national bankruptcy and is in dire need of financial aid in order to restore stability and prevent economic and social turmoil.

Amongst the pro-European forces in Ukraine there are expectations that an association agreement will eventually lead to full EU membership.

What is the Council's position regarding the possibility and the perspective of full EU membership for Ukraine in the future, especially when taking into consideration the existence of Russian military bases in Crimea which Russia obviously has no intention of removing.

In the light of the talks on sanctions against Russia, how far are the Member States willing to go with their sanctions if Russia does not respond to EU pressure? What are some of the measures considered?

Has the Council considered the option of assisting Ukraine in negotiating a temporary debt moratorium with foreign financial institutions in order to alleviate its financial crisis?