

**Priority question for written answer P-002338/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: The fourth package of sanctions against Lukashenka's regime

Commission and European External Action Service representatives have recently informed Parliament during several official meetings on the situation in Belarus that the Commission and the Council are working on the fourth package of sanctions against Lukashenka's regime. The reasoning and basis for sanctions against Belarus are clear to all EU institutions, and many MEPs have publicly advocated for these sanctions to be adopted as soon as possible. MEPs have also been encouraging the Council and the Commission to adopt an extensive and wide-ranging list of sanctioned individuals and entities so that these sanctions can effectively influence the situation in Belarus and help the EU achieve its objectives regarding the country.

1. Unfortunately, at the time of tabling this question, the fourth package of sanctions has not yet been adopted. Can the Commission please explain why this is the case?
2. What is the reason for such a long wait despite clear evidence and a legal basis for adopting new sanctions?
3. When is the fourth package of sanctions expected to be adopted?