

**Priority question for written answer P-001348/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Implementation and enforcement of EU sanctions against Russia

In response to Russia's illegal, unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine, the European Union has adopted four packages of sanctions. A fifth is currently being negotiated. For sanctions to be fully effective, they need to be implemented and enforced in full immediately, efficiently and consistently. There must be no loopholes and no scope for circumvention. Didier Reynders, the Commissioner for Justice and the Rule of Law, and Josep Borrell, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, are working with the Freeze and Seize Task Force to coordinate at EU level the implementation of sanctions against Russian and Belarusian oligarchs. In doing so they are also working with the international Russian Elites, Proxies and Oligarchs Task Force.

1. How are the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy ensuring that the sanctions against Russia are being implemented and enforced to the letter?
2. Could the Commission give an overview of the state of play with regard to the implementation and enforcement of sanctions in the Member States?
3. Do the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy think there are differences or gaps in the implementation and enforcement of sanctions by the Member States?