

**Priority question for written answer P-001495/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Ukrainian children from children's homes, temporary protection and foster care

Thousands of Ukrainian children in children's homes have been put in a terrible position by the war in Ukraine, having to be evacuated, including to Poland, where they have been granted temporary protection and are being cared for.

1. What financial assistance will the Commission provide for the care of Ukrainian orphans temporarily residing in Poland?
2. In Poland and throughout the EU, the provision of child care has been moving away from an institutional set-up, with support instead being given to foster care. Now, however, we have to provide new forms of institutional care, given the need to take rapid action and to care for a large number of children, without additional EU funding. Poland has adopted a law on the provision of aid to Ukrainian nationals in connection with the armed conflict in their country. That law provides for the establishment of additional care facilities solely for children from Ukraine. There are 17 000 children in institutional foster care in Poland; in Ukraine at the outbreak of the war there were 170 000. Poland's foster care resources are limited. Individual foster care is often not possible. Will EU funding be made available for new institutional care facilities?
3. Does the Commission have figures on Ukrainian children from children's homes in countries neighbouring Ukraine?