

**Priority question for written answer P-003604/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Inclusion of the Republic of Moldova in the European free roaming network

In her State of the Union address to the European Parliament in Strasbourg on 14 September 2022, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced the inclusion of Ukraine in the European free roaming network. Since June 2022, both Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova have been applicants for EU membership. Cooperation between the EU and those two countries has become particularly important since the commencement of the Russian hostilities in Ukraine. Like Ukraine, Moldova is one of the EU's most loyal partners and now, under the presidency of Maia Sandu, enjoys democratic political governance in line with European values. Despite its geographical location and the multiple economic and political pressures and various forms of blackmail brought to bear by Russia, regarding energy supplies for example, Moldova remains staunchly pro-European. In view of this and the fact that both Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova are now candidate countries, the EU should offer each of them the same incentives and opportunities for cooperation, including inclusion in the free roaming network.

Is the Commission accordingly planning to include Moldova in the European free roaming network alongside Ukraine? If so, can it say when?

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