

**Priority question for written answer P-002556/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Elections in Ukraine

Elections are due to be held in Ukraine next year. However, the Ukrainian President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, has now announced that he does not intend to spend money on them. If elections are to take place, their costs would have to be covered by the US and the EU.

1. Does the Commission intend to cover the costs of elections in Ukraine, and what is its view of the Ukrainian President's announcement?
2. Does the Ukrainian President's reluctance towards democratic elections affect the country's candidate country status, and if not, why not?
3. How does the Commission intend to respond if Ukraine does not hold elections next year, and how would this affect the EU's financial support for Ukraine?

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