

**Question for written answer E-002175/2024
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: The real cost of Europe's involvement in the war in Ukraine

For two and a half years, the parties involved in war in Ukraine have – as can be expected – disclosed conflicting information in relation to its economic cost. The fact that the Ukrainian army is forming new mechanised brigades is a sign that the war is expected to continue for a fourth year.

Of course, responsible policy choices at European level have to take into account humanitarian suffering on both sides, the time frame and the cost we bear as a result of our secondary involvement. Given that we are accountable to the people we have been called upon to represent, we must consider the direct and indirect costs per capita for the EU. On its relevant web page¹, the European Commission states that, since the start of the war, 'the EU [has] provided economic, humanitarian and military support for Ukraine worth over EUR 88 billion'. It goes on to say that 'the conviction remains unwavering that Ukraine will prevail, with Europe standing by its side as long as it takes,' a stance which is no longer justified in light of the evolution of the war nor reflected in the changing political will of European voters and which jumps to conclusions with regard to our future political decision-making.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission confirm that, between February 2022 and September 2024, the cost of EU support for Ukraine amounted to EUR 88 billion?
2. How much of Europe's aid takes the shape of: (a) loans that are repayable by Ukraine, (b) military supplies that have been destroyed, and (c) direct funding that is not due to be repaid?
3. Does the Commission have estimates of the indirect costs to European economies?

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¹ https://european-union.europa.eu/priorities-and-actions/eu-support-ukraine_en