

**Question for written answer E-002209/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Security considerations linked to the reconstruction of Ukraine's telecom infrastructure

According to Ukraine's Ministry of Digital Transformation, Russia has destroyed over 4 300 mobile base stations in Ukraine since the full-scale invasion began in February 2022.

The EU's extensive support to Ukraine in the reconstruction of the country's telecom infrastructure is very important. However, as with all infrastructure investments in Europe, there are a number of security considerations.

Chinese state control actors are advancing their positions in Ukraine as a result of tendering procedures that are based solely on price. There are risks of new security problems in the long term, not only for Ukraine but also for Europe as a whole, during the process of integrating Ukraine into the EU.

In light of the above:

1. What conclusions does the Commission draw regarding the security considerations linked to the reconstruction of Ukraine's telecom infrastructure?
2. Does the Commission consider that procurement processes that are based on EU support to Ukraine for its telecom infrastructure can be carried out on grounds other than price alone?
3. What opportunities does the Commission envisage for including Ukraine and other EU candidate countries in the EU toolbox for 5G security?

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