

Question for written answer E-001756/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Raw materials deal between the UK and Ukraine

It would appear that not only the United States is showing great interest in Ukrainian critical minerals. In January, the UK reportedly signed a 100-year partnership agreement with Ukraine for the mining of critical minerals and rare earths.

These are raw materials which are essential in many high-tech sectors and it would be nothing short of a defeat for the EU should Ukraine, despite all the EU's support in the war with Russia, choose non-EU partners for the mining concessions. Such a move would probably weigh heavily on the Union's strategic autonomy and technological innovation capacity for many decades to come.

1. At what point was the Commission informed of the agreement between Ukraine and the UK on critical raw materials?
2. Was the Commission aware of the deal between the UK and Ukraine before January 2025?
3. How does the Commission see the Union's strategic autonomy/innovation capacity evolving in the light of such raw-materials deals concluded by non-EU countries?

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