

Question for written answer E-003856/2025

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Resumption of diplomatic relations with Belarus

Since 2020, relations between the EU and Belarus have deteriorated sharply, with reduced diplomatic contacts and increased sanctions against Belarus.

However, several recent developments seem to indicate a willingness on the part of the Belarusian authorities to re-engage with Europe:

— in 2025, Belarus released around a hundred prisoners, including the former 2020 presidential election candidate Sergei Tikhanovsky;

— EU citizens now benefit from a visa-free regime, which facilitates exchanges and contacts between citizens;

— geopolitically, Belarus has reaffirmed its neutrality in the conflict in Ukraine and cooperated with its neighbours in a recent incident involving drones that violated Polish airspace. Belarus warned Poland and Lithuania and intercepted certain devices.

1. Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy believe that these moves can provide a basis for reviewing the current EU policy towards Belarus?
2. Does she envisage defining clear and gradual conditions for a progressive resumption of diplomatic relations with Belarus?

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