

Question for written answer E-004735/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: The current situation in Ukraine

Today it was announced that the Ukrainian anti-corruption services NABU and SAP have raided the offices of President Zelensky's right-hand man, Andriy Yermak¹, in connection with a major corruption case involving at least USD 100 million. An interview with the European Commissioner for Justice, Mr McGrath, was also published today. In it, he addressed the question of whether Ukraine is making sufficient efforts to combat corruption: 'I think they are making best efforts to achieve the required standard. It is a journey, and we monitor developments closely, and we remain in an ongoing contact with Ukrainian authorities about issues that come to our attention or that are reported publicly.'²

1. What exact benchmarks does the Commission use to determine whether 'the journey' is meeting EU standards and 'best efforts' are being made? For example, is a below the mid-point score on Transparency International's international corruption perception index taken into account³?
2. Does the Commission intend to continue to transfer funds to Ukraine given the current circumstances?
3. Is the Commission prepared to suspend the disbursement of loans for the time being until the rule of law in Ukraine has been sufficiently restored?

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¹ <https://www.politico.eu/article/anti-corruption-busters-search-zelenskyy-top-aid-office-andriy-yermak/>

² <https://www.politico.eu/article/brussels-tells-ukraine-convict-corrupt-leaders-for-eu-entry/>

³ <https://www.transparency.org/en/cpi/2024/index/ukr>