

Question for written answer E-003411/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Continued business presence of EU companies in Russia and implications for sanctions policy and competition

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, many European companies withdrew from the Russian market, in line with the European Union's sanctions policy. However, some companies still maintain a significant business presence in Russia, continuing to generate revenue and make payments to the Russian state. This situation raises questions as to the coherence of the Union's sanctions policy, and may create an uneven playing field vis-à-vis companies that have withdrawn from the Russian market and borne the associated financial costs.

In view of the above:

1. How does the Commission assess the continued business activity of EU companies in Russia in the light of the Union's sanctions policy?
2. Does the Commission consider that this situation may distort competition in the single market?
3. Will the Commission consider additional measures, in particular regarding the transparency of the financial activities of EU companies in Russia, in order to ensure a level playing field?

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