

Question for written answer E-003493/2026

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

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Subject: 21 rounds of sanctions behind us – number 22 on the way. What exactly have the sanctions against Russia achieved so far?

The EU adopted its 21st round of sanctions against Russia on 23 July 2026. Just a few weeks later, Kaja Kallas had already announced a further extensive expansion of sanctions, including some 1 600 new additions. Sanctions packages are coming one after another. While the Commission is working on the next one, there is still no convincing answer to the fundamental question: what exactly have the previous 21 achieved?

1. In the Commission's view, what measurable results had the 21 previous sanctions packages achieved before it began work on the next one?
2. If the previous sanctions were as effective as the Commission claims, why, after four years, is a 22nd package – and a further 1 600 or so additions – now necessary?
3. In the Commission's view, is there a point at which it will admit that further sanctions are no longer yielding results, or will the response to every failure simply be yet another package?

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