

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001406/24
to the Council
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Subject: The Commission's boycott of the Hungarian Presidency

The European Commission's decision to boycott the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2024 has triggered significant controversies and debates among EU Member States. Several EU countries — including Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Finland — have joined the boycott, with their ministers refusing to attend meetings organised by Hungary. Officials are attending on their behalf instead.

Against this background, the European Commission finds itself at a critical juncture.

1. How does the Council assess the Commission's decision to boycott a Member State's presidency?
2. Given that the Presidency of the Council is responsible for convening, preparing and chairing all meetings of the EU (except the Foreign Affairs Council), does the Council anticipate obstacles to its work resulting from the boycott carried out by the Commission and Member States?
3. Is the Commission permitted, in line with the EU institutional framework, to call for a boycott, and if not, what steps will the Council take against this?

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Reply
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It is not for the Council to comment on positions expressed by the Commission.
