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**Question for written answer E-000335/25  
to the Commission**

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*Subject:* Continued strengthening of the EU Solidarity Lanes to support Ukraine

In response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, the Commission launched the EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes in May 2022, the purpose being to establish logistics routes and enable trade in Ukrainian goods to continue <sup>(1)</sup>. The Solidarity Lanes have been very effective. In two years, they have allowed Ukraine to export around 162 million tonnes of goods. The total value of trade via the Solidarity Lanes is estimated at around EUR 192 billion <sup>(2)</sup>.

Continued support for Ukraine in every sector is crucial for ensuring the country's resilience, and the Solidarity Lanes highlight the importance of functioning infrastructure in this regard. In light of this:

1. How does the Commission plan to strengthen the Solidarity Lanes between the EU and Ukraine?
2. What other measures does the Commission plan to take in order to meet Ukraine's infrastructure needs?

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**Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission  
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The Solidarity Lanes (SL) have demonstrably delivered for Ukraine and the EU, maintaining essential trade flows amidst Russia's full-scale invasion, with over EUR 211 billion <sup>(1)</sup> in goods having been transported between Ukraine, the EU and global markets.

The SL are, and will continue to be, a strategic imperative for Ukraine's economic resilience and security. As Ukraine looks towards recovery and reconstruction, the SL will also be instrumental in swiftly and efficiently moving essential goods, materials, and facilitating the return of Ukrainians to their homes and communities.

The SL have successfully included various measures to enhance the capacity and smooth functioning of logistics routes through the borders between the EU, Ukraine and Moldova including the Road Transport Agreements with Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, and streamlined procedures at border crossing points.

The Commission's investment in the SL infrastructure and connectivity now exceeds EUR 2 billion. This includes ~EUR 1.6 billion from the Connecting Europe Facility for projects focused on strategic border crossing points on the TEN-T and infrastructure on Member States and Ukrainian/Moldovan territories.

In parallel, the international financial institutions made a pledge to provide at least EUR 0.7 billion <sup>(2)</sup> to support the SL, and the Ukraine Facility and the Ukraine Investment Framework will also trigger investments and reforms in the transport sector <sup>(3)</sup>.

The Commission will continue to pursue the SL including through further work on coordinated border controls, promoting the Common Transit Convention, supporting digitalisation of procedures and documents, and the identification of short-term infrastructure and equipment needs.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/european-commission-establish-solidarity-lanes-help-ukraine-export-agricultural-goods-2022-05-12\\_en](https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/european-commission-establish-solidarity-lanes-help-ukraine-export-agricultural-goods-2022-05-12_en).

<sup>2</sup> [https://commission.europa.eu/topics/eu-solidarity-ukraine/eu-assistance-ukraine/eu-ukraine-solidarity-lanes\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/topics/eu-solidarity-ukraine/eu-assistance-ukraine/eu-ukraine-solidarity-lanes_en).

<sup>(1)</sup> Estimation based on the data from the Ukrainian customs registers on products that received customs clearance between May 2022 and January 2025.

<sup>(2)</sup> This amount follows the joint pledge of the Commission, World Bank, the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) made in November 2022. More information at: [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/el/statement\\_22\\_6825](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/el/statement_22_6825)

<sup>(3)</sup> Under the Ukraine Facility, the completion of four major transport reforms and budgeting at least 350 million EUR for transport projects will enable crucial payments to Ukraine's budget. The Ukraine Investment Framework is designed to trigger further investments from public and private sector, including projects fostering the reconstruction and the development of an efficient transport system in the country.