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**Question for written answer E-004815/25
to the Commission
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(4 December 2025)**

Subject: Number of civilian casualties and EU support for protective infrastructure in Ukraine

1. Does the Commission know how many civilian casualties there have been since the start of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine in 2022 and, if so, can it disclose that number?
2. Has the Commission provided financial support for the construction or maintenance of shelters or bunkers in Ukrainian cities and, if so, how much and through which programmes or funds?

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**Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
(27 February 2026)**

The Commission is informed about the civilian casualties' figures in Ukraine. Since the start of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine in 2022, the United Nations Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine has verified a total of 56 550 civilian casualties, including 41 378 injuries and 15 172 deaths ⁽¹⁾.

The Commission has provided financial support for the construction and maintenance of shelters in Ukraine, including through funding channelled by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations.

Out of a total of EUR 1.31 billion in humanitarian aid funding since the beginning of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, EUR 300 million have been allocated to shelter support.

Among other things, the Commission has supported the light rehabilitation and construction of bomb shelters, as well as the rehabilitation and basic refurbishment of residential buildings, schools and temporary reception centres.

Donations to provide emergency assistance to the maintenance of shelters, bunkers and facilities such as bedding and heating equipment, appliances sets and clothes have also been channelled through the Union Civil Protection Mechanism ⁽²⁾.

The Commission has also deployed to Ukraine, from its rescEU ⁽³⁾ reserves, light prefabricated units, worth EUR 12 million, which mostly served as heating points.

⁽¹⁾ Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) — UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission to Ukraine. *Ukraine: Protection of civilians in armed conflict. January 2026 update*, 12 February 2026: <https://ukraine.ohchr.org/en/Protection-of-Civilians-in-Armed-Conflict-January-2026>.

⁽²⁾ https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/what/civil-protection/eu-civil-protection-mechanism_en.

⁽³⁾ https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/what/civil-protection/resceu_en.