

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001605/26
to the Commission
Friedrich Pürner (NI)
(20 April 2026)**

Subject: Possible knowledge or involvement of the Ukrainian President in the attack on the Nord Stream pipelines

Media reports ⁽¹⁾ suggest that the Ukrainian President may have been aware of or approved the sabotage of the Nord Stream pipelines with explosives. In light of this, I would ask the Commission to provide an update regarding the investigative findings. This refers not only to media reports, but also to any concrete information, assessments or indications available or accessible to the Commission, including any intelligence provided by partners.

1. What specific findings does the Commission have in this regard, and since when?
2. How was this information assessed and dealt with, in particular in exchanges with the Ukrainian side?
3. What implications would potential prior knowledge or approval of such an attack have for the EU accession process, particularly with regard to the principle of sincere cooperation (Article 4(3) TEU)?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
(7 July 2026)**

In line with the Treaties, national security and investigations into the damages on the Nord Stream pipelines fall solely under the responsibility of the Member States concerned. The Commission cannot comment on media speculations or the potential outcome of investigations.

Consequently, this matter has not been addressed or raised in any of the established bilateral EU — Ukraine formats.

The enlargement process is merit-based and structured on established criteria requiring a thorough implementation of reforms to ensure a country's readiness for EU membership.

Amidst Russia's illegal and unprovoked war of aggression, Ukraine has shown determination in pursuing its reform path. The Commission is committed to accompanying Ukraine on its accession process and will closely monitor the proper implementation of the engagements that Ukraine has assumed.

The Commission expects Ukraine to continue to respect all relevant principles and obligations, including the principle of sincere cooperation.

¹ <https://www.nzz.ch/pro/anschlag-auf-nord-stream-warum-die-ukraine-die-pipelines-sprengte-ld.1933974>.