

**Question for written answer E-002810/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
**Michał Wawrykiewicz (PPE)**

**Subject:** Action to support civil society organisations in Member States

Civil society organisations play a key role in protecting the rule of law and democratic values in the EU. Unfortunately, in some Member States, these organisations face a number of challenges, such as financial difficulties, political pressure and legal restrictions, which hamper their activities.

In this connection:

1. What steps is the Commission taking to support civil society organisations in the Member States financially and operationally?
2. Is the Commission planning to set up a rapid support mechanism for NGOs in crisis situations where their activities are under threat in specific Member States?
3. How does the Commission intend to protect NGOs from unjustified legal attacks and restrictions by national authorities?

Submitted: 6.12.2024