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Subject: Law on nationality in Montenegro

In today's fast-changing geopolitical environment, we are witnessing constant attempts at foreign interference in the EU and in its candidate countries' internal procedures and structures. These attempts are aimed at destabilising the EU and undermining its core values. The ongoing public discussion in Montenegro on changing the law on nationality and allowing the adoption of the decision on the right to obtain dual citizenship deserves our special and immediate attention, particularly with regard to Montenegro's path towards EU membership and the country's sovereignty.

Montenegro, with around 630 000 citizens, currently prohibits dual citizenship, and any changes in this regard could have severe and long-term consequences for the country's decision-making processes and identity. Establishing a right to dual citizenship would allow countries with a geostrategic interest in Montenegro to influence the country's election results. It is particularly concerning that the votes of the presently small number of voters in Montenegro could easily be overturned by the votes of new voters who would gain the right to vote by obtaining dual citizenship.

What steps does the Commission envisage taking to prevent these risks to Montenegro and to the EU?

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