

Question for written answer E-001832/2024
to the Council
Rule 144
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Subject: Romania's accession to Schengen by land

Romania's accession to Schengen by air and water has been a real success. Moreover, the pilot projects Romania has implemented with the support of the Commission have strengthened its external borders and are an example of good practice on a European scale.

Romania's accession to the free movement area by land can be delayed no longer. The European Union and all the Member States have to bear in mind and respect the efforts Romania has made and the legal and technical arguments in support of that accession.

1. Two Justice and Home Affairs Council meetings will take place this year, on 10 October and 12 December. How likely is it that the Council of the EU will put Romania's accession to Schengen by land this year on the agenda for the two JHA Council meetings scheduled for this year?
2. At the same time, does the Council of the EU not consider that the conditions exist for a unanimity vote to be held on 10 October when the elections in Austria are over and an Austrian is set to become Commissioner for Internal Affairs?

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