

**Question for written answer E-002415/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Excessive deficit procedure for Poland

On 26 July 2024, Poland was placed under the excessive deficit procedure. At the same time, Poland's defence expenditure will increase to 4.7% of GDP in 2025, up from 4.1% in 2024. This represents a great burden on the budget, but at the same time stimulates the economy and builds the security of the entire EU in the face of threats coming from the Community's eastern neighbourhood.

1. Using the legal possibilities¹ provided by the Excessive Deficit Procedure rules, does the Commission intend to waive the counting of public defence expenditure as part of the national budget deficit in whole or in a specific part?
2. A Member State subject to an excessive deficit procedure is required to submit a medium-term reform programme to the Commission. Could the Commission provide information on the main ways of reducing the excessive deficit indicated for implementation by the Polish Government – and the areas in which they will be applied – which the Commission will take into account for ending the excessive deficit procedure against Poland?

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¹ Council Regulation (EC) No 1467/97 of 7 July 1997 on speeding up and clarifying the implementation of the excessive deficit procedure.