**Question for written answer E-002196/2025**
**to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Institutional implications of the accession of Ukraine and Moldova to the European Union

The Commission has said on a number of occasions that it welcomes the opening of accession negotiations with Ukraine and Moldova – two countries blighted by unresolved conflict, structural corruption and major rule of law challenges.

The accession of these countries (particularly Ukraine in view of its demographic and geographic size) will have major implications for the way the EU institutions operate: distribution of votes in the Council, weight in Parliament, allocation of cohesion funds, and budgetary imbalances at the expense of net contributor countries like France.

Can the Commission answer the following:

1. What studies did it perform before negotiations were opened to determine the institutional and budgetary impact of accession?

2. How does it plan to maintain the equilibrium between established and incoming Member States?

3. Can it provide assurance that these countries will not accede until the EU institutions have undergone a reform, subject to the unanimous agreement of the Member States?

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