

**Question for written answer E-002949/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Renewed opportunity for partnership with Panama

In October 2023, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) removed Panama from its list of jurisdictions under increased monitoring, acknowledging comprehensive reforms of its anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorist financing (CTF) regimes. Panama has since overhauled its financial supervision, enhanced institutional capacity and demonstrated tangible enforcement progress. On 9 July 2025, the European Parliament adopted a resolution supporting Panama's removal from the EU's high-risk third countries list.

Given these developments and the opportunity to improve relations with a cooperative partner country, the Commission is urged to expedite its reassessment of Panama's listing.

1. What is the Commission's current timeline for reassessing Panama's status on the EU grey list?
2. How does the Commission incorporate FATF decisions and parliamentary resolutions into its assessment process?
3. Will the Commission commit to aligning Panama's status with its current AML/CTF performance and international recognition?

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