

**Question for written answer E-002958/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1263

Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1263¹ introduces a national escape clause allowing Member States to deviate from their net expenditure path in the event of exceptional circumstances, provided that fiscal sustainability is not endangered in the medium term.

1. How does the Commission define ‘medium term’ in the context of fiscal sustainability under this regulation?
2. In the Commission’s view, what period of time is considered a reasonable duration for an ‘exceptional circumstance’ under Article 26?

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2024/1263 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2024 on the effective coordination of economic policies and on multilateral budgetary surveillance and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97, OJ L, 2024/1263, 30.4.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1263/oj>.