Question for written answer E-002773/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Montenegro's accession: the EUR 3.2 billion cost to EU citizens

The Commission estimates that Montenegro's accession on 1 January 2028 would result in approximately EUR 3.2 billion in additional EU spending between 2028 and 2034. This sum would fund, among other things, the country's economic and regional development, gradual access to EU agricultural subsidies, border controls, security and competitiveness. The Commission also envisages an additional EUR 442 million in additional administrative spending for the EU institutions.

This is the estimate at a point when only 16 of the 33 chapters in the accession negotiations have been provisionally closed.

1. What would be the real net cost of this accession, after deducting Montenegro's future contribution to the EU budget and the pre-accession assistance that it would no longer receive?

2. Would this additional spending be funded by raising Member States' contributions, by reducing the funding currently allocated to Member States, or through new EU resources?

3. Before negotiations conclude, will the Commission publish a study detailing the impacts of this accession on the budget of each Member State, the composition of the European Parliament, the votes in the Council and institution staffing levels?

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