

**Question for written answer E-004074/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: How much does preparation of Montenegro's accession cost EU taxpayers?

Montenegro's EU accession negotiations were opened on 29 June 2012. More than 14 years later, EU taxpayers should be able to know all the expenditure incurred in preparing for this possible accession, along with commitments that are yet to be paid.

The review should cover aid paid to Montenegro and costs borne by the EU institutions as a result of conducting negotiations, monitoring reforms and preparing the institutions for further enlargement.

1. What is the total amount of funding committed and actually disbursed by the European Union since the start of Montenegro's accession negotiations, with a breakdown for each year by financial instrument?
2. What is the total administrative and institutional cost borne by the European Union in preparing for this accession, particularly in terms of staff, expertise, missions and language services?
3. What additional expenditure is planned for preparation of Montenegro's accession by 2028, as assumed by the Commission in its financial package of 30 June 2026?

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