

**Priority question for written answer P-000127/2025
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Commission President Ursula von der Leyen concluding EU-Mercosur trade deal on her own

Five days after the start of her second term, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced in Montevideo (Uruguay), to the surprise of many observers, that an agreement had been reached on the terms of a trade deal between the EU and four Mercosur countries (Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay).

This announcement comes at a time when the deal is facing a huge amount of legitimate criticism across different Member States because of its implications, especially for agriculture and the environment.

1. Can the Commission say whether it warned the heads of the Member States that the deal would be concluded in Montevideo and, if so, when?
2. Was the idea of concluding the deal in Montevideo pitched in advance to the new College of Commissioners?

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