

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002532/24
to the Commission
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Subject: Evaluation of EU aid granted to Kosovo

Kosovo receives a significant amount of financial support from the EU under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance.

What is more, since Belgrade and Pristina concluded an agreement on the normalisation of their relations in April 2013 (Brussels Agreement), the EU has stepped up its efforts, notably with the Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, which is one of its largest common security and defence policy operations.

In view of the findings of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe's report on the Western Balkans published in 2024 ⁽¹⁾, what monitoring mechanisms have been put in place to assess the effectiveness of the support provided to Kosovo, notably in the area of rule of law?

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**Answer given by Ms Kos on behalf of the European Commission
(15 April 2025)**

Since 2014, the Instrument for Pre-accession ⁽¹⁾ (IPA II and IPA III) provided EUR 125.5 million for supporting the sector of rule of law and fundamental rights. Programming of IPA 2025-2027 is ongoing.

The Commission has developed a standard set of tools to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of EU assistance, including in the area of rule of law, for example through daily contacts with Kosovo ⁽²⁾ authorities and contractors through the EU Office on the ground.

The EU Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo also supports specifically rule of law institutions in Kosovo on their path towards increased independence, effectiveness, sustainability, multi-ethnicity and accountability, in line with international human rights standards and best European practices.

In addition, the Commission's external monitoring system, the Results-Oriented Monitoring ⁽³⁾ (ROM), provides external independent assessment of the progress achieved with the EU assistance, and reinforces the practice of results-based management in EU external action operations, as part of the Commission's commitment to support effectiveness and accountability.

In the last 10 years, 75 ROM exercises were conducted, leading to numerous recommendations having been addressed, including in the area of rule of law.

The IPA Monitoring Committee, the highest-level EU-Kosovo dialogue on EU assistance, regularly discusses the progress on EU assistance for each sector and globally.

It results in recommendations that the beneficiary country has to address; the progress is reviewed at the following meeting. Strategic evaluation of the EU financial assistance in Kosovo was launched in 2024 and the report is expected to be published in 2025.

¹ https://www.osce.org/files/f/documents/4/4/570156_1.pdf

⁽¹⁾ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/enlargement-policy/overview-instrument-pre-accession-assistance/kosovo-financial-assistance-under-ipa_en

⁽²⁾ *This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244/1999 and the International Court of Justice Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence*

⁽³⁾ https://capacity4dev.europa.eu/groups/rom/info/what-results-oriented-monitoring_en