

**Question for written answer E-000135/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Availability of the Juncker investment fund to countries of the Western Balkans

The European Commission has announced an investment fund worth EUR 315 billion. This so-called Juncker's new incentive plan for the development of the European economy is extremely important for the Member States and their economy.

Since the European Commission has clearly indicated that in the period from 2014 to 2019 there will be no extension of the European Union to candidate countries, I ask the European Commission whether candidate countries, non-members of the European Union, will also have access to the Juncker investment fund?

This is of particular importance to the countries of south eastern Europe, the so-called Western Balkan countries, which have several important infrastructure, energy and other development projects that are directly related to the economic interests of EU Member States.