

**Question for written answer E-001242/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Negotiations concerning financial assistance for Ukraine

On 8 January 2015, the Commission granted Ukraine an extra EUR 1.8 billion by way of macro-financial assistance. Commission President Juncker observed in this connection that solidarity always goes hand in hand with willingness to carry out the urgently needed reforms in Ukraine under the current IMF programme and the Memorandum of Understanding between the EU and Ukraine.

How, where, when and between whom will negotiations be held between the EU and Ukraine regarding the reforms to be achieved under the Memorandum?

To what extent is EU financial assistance dependent on implementation of the reforms in question – which must, after all, be negotiated – and who will assess whether or not this condition has been met?

Does the Commission consider it appropriate to specify the amount of assistance before the negotiations have taken place or before they have been concluded?