

**Question for written answer E-009586/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Accession process for Balkan countries

The Prime Ministers of Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Bosnia, Kosovo and Albania met on 28 May 2015 in Tirana. They announced they were losing patience with the lengthy EU accession process and called on the Union to invest in road and rail projects to improve connectivity between the region and the EU.

1. What is the Commission's view of this announcement?
2. What is the state of progress of the various accession processes of the Balkan countries?
3. Is the Commission planning to provide financial support to projects in the region?