

**Question for written answer E-003595/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Financial assistance

Financial assistance to EU Member States includes EFSM (for EU28), ESM (for eurozone countries) and BoP (for non-eurozone countries) assistance. The EFSM was, together with the EFSF, introduced during the financial crises and was used for eurozone Member States in difficulties. The ESM is now operational and has become the main support mechanism for eurozone Member States. BoP, on the other hand, is the main support mechanism for non-eurozone Member States.

Can the Commission clarify what are the main characteristics that determine whether a non-eurozone Member State in difficulty should use financial assistance from the EFSM or BoP?