

**Question for written answer E-007891/2017/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU budget contributions by third countries

Some third countries, such as members of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), for example, pay into the EU budget in order to participate in EU programmes.

1. When was the first such agreement concluded? How has the involvement of third countries in the various programmes evolved over the years?
2. Have contributions increased in recent years?
3. Is there data, for each participant in each programme, showing the specific positive impact that such involvement has had on European policies?