

**Question for written answer E-001064/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: Increasing payments from Member States after Brexit

The UK's departure will leave an annual shortfall of EUR 12 billion in the EU budget, which will have to be made up by payments from the remaining 27 Member States. The media have reported that an agreement was reached at a meeting on the EU's cohesion policy with the representatives of eight Eastern European Member States that, in the future, these countries will pay '1.1% or perhaps even 1.2%' of their proportional GDP. Until now, they have been paying 1%. These details of the agreement have been denied by the Croatian Ministry of Regional Development. Can the Commission say:

What is the state of play as regards an agreement on increasing payments to the common EU budget after Brexit?

How much will Croatia be expected to pay?