

**Question for written answer E-014293/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Budgetary proceedings against Croatia

The Commission has proposed instituting budgetary proceedings against Croatia, which joined the European Union, lest we forget, on 1 July 2013.

Croatia's government deficit reached 5 % of GDP in 2012, with its government debt amounting to 55.5 % of GDP.

1. Were European institutions aware of Croatia's economic and financial situation prior to enlargement? Why did they fail to draw the consequences from this beforehand?
2. Why did they not delay Croatia's accession to the EU, thereby averting the risk of having financial sanctions hanging over it?