

**Question for written answer E-002238/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Statement Commission President to the Financial Times regarding the Western Balkans

In an interview with the Financial Times on 24 March 2017 regarding the situation in the Western Balkans, the Commission President stated:

'The only possibility for this tortured part of Europe is to have a European perspective. If we leave them to themselves - Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republika Srpska, Macedonia, Albania, all of these countries - we will have a war again.' ('La seule possibilité pour cette partie tourmentée de l'Europe est d'avoir une perspective européenne. Si on les laissait à leur sort - la Bosnie et l'Herzégovine, la Republika Srpska, la Macédoine, l'Albanie, tous ces pays - nous aurons à nouveau une guerre.')

This is a very serious statement. If founded, the accession of these countries to the European Union would be tantamount to importing potential armed conflicts into the Union. If it is not, it is an insult to the countries concerned.

On what concrete and recent information is the statement by the Commission based?

