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to the Commission
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Subject: Benefits of EU membership for new Member States

After joining the EU, new Member States are mostly net beneficiaries of European funds, meaning that their net receipts from the European budget are higher than their outflows of funds on the basis of payment obligations to the EU's common budget. In addition, due to the free flow of capital, there is an increase in investments from foreign businesses and capital inflows from other economically developed EU Member States. Such investments result in outflows of profits and other revenues generated by investments in new EU Member States. At the same time, there is economic migration where people looking for work move *en masse* from the new Member States, which is currently the case in Croatia. On the one hand, this impoverishes the human capital of the new EU Member States, but on the other hand, it leads to inflows of funds from the transfer of income earned by people working in the more developed EU Member States. Analysis of all these cash flows can contribute to a better understanding of the economic effects of membership for new EU Member States.

Does the Commission have any analysis at its disposal quantifying all cash flows deriving from payments into and from the EU budget for the new Member States (2004, 2007 and 2013 enlargements), cash flows from investments and outflows of capital to other Member States, and money transfers made by people employed in developed EU Member States?