

**Question for written answer E-003146/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject:     Financing awarded to Turkey for the period 2021 to 2027

On 2 June 2021, Parliament and Council negotiators reached agreement on the instrument governing financing for candidate countries for EU membership for the period 2021 to 2027 (the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance, or IPA III). With a budget of EUR 14.2, it will support the implementation of reforms in seven countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey.

While it is essential for the Union to strengthen its relations with the Balkan countries, the situation with Turkey is different, since the harsh regime of President Erdoğan in recent years has made the prospect of Turkey's accession to the Union even more distant.

According to the political agreement reached in trilogue, the Commission must adopt, by 31 December 2021 at the latest, a delegated act concerning the thematic priorities of the assistance and the indicative financial allocations for the Western Balkans and Turkey.

1.   On the basis of previous IPAs, can the Commission estimate how much assistance will be given to Turkey?
2.   Will the Commission trigger a suspension of the assistance in the event of new violations by the regime of President Erdoğan in the areas of democracy, human rights and the rule of law?