

**Question for written answer E-004575/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The amounts of money Romania has paid as financial sanctions

Under Article 260 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 106(a) of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, if a Member State has not taken the necessary measures to comply with a judgment of the Court of Justice, the Commission may refer the matter back to the Court.

The decision on a second referral to the Court of Justice must always be accompanied by a proposal for a penalty and/or lump sum payment reflecting the importance of the rules breached, the impact of the infringement on general and particular interests, its duration and the Member State's ability to pay, with a view to ensuring that the penalty itself has a deterrent effect.

How much money per year did Romania pay between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2020 to the EU budget as penalties or lump sums (financial sanctions) and what was the final decision of the Court of Justice on imposing those sanctions?