

**Question for written answer E-000052/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Payments to the Western Balkan countries

Since the 1990s, the Commission has been providing financial aid to the Western Balkan countries to set up institutions and organisations. These payments have also involved or involve measures to bolster police forces and border protection. Poland has demonstrated the importance of border control for the protection of the population.

1. To date, how much money has the Commission granted to the Western Balkan countries to bolster police forces and border protection?
2. How many illegal migrants have crossed the respective national borders towards the EU over the same period?