

Question for written answer E-001355/2022

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Opening of accession negotiations with Albania

On Tuesday 15 March, the Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama – supported by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell – called for the opening of negotiations for the accession of his country to the EU.

Borrell said that he believes that Albania has met all the conditions for the negotiations to begin and hopes that the first intergovernmental conference will take place 'as soon as possible'. In his view, although a date has yet to be set, this meeting is on the horizon. The head of EU diplomacy added that 'it is high time to reinvigorate the enlargement process'.

1. Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) believe that the EU should continue to bring in new members indefinitely?
2. Are the serious corruption problems, cultural differences and organised crime in Albania not reason enough not to rush into this uncertain process?