

**Question for written answer E-000607/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: European Court of Auditors' report on EU support for the rule of law in the Western Balkans (January 2022)

In January 2022, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) published a special report on the effectiveness of EU support for the rule of law in the six Western Balkan countries. The report addressed whether EU support in the region had been well designed and whether it had delivered the expected results, in particular in the areas of justice, anti-corruption measures and human rights. Following the publication of the ECA report¹, an exchange of views took place in Parliament on 10 February 2022, during which the Commission committed to implementing all four recommendations detailed in the report.

1. Can the Commission clarify what action has been taken to implement the four ECA recommendations by the suggested December 2022 deadline?
2. Is any additional future action planned?
3. Will the Commission make public a detailed progress report on the implementation of each of the four recommendations, for each of the six Western Balkan countries, in particular elaborating on how it has enforced rule of law conditionality in the region?

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¹ <https://op.europa.eu/webpub/eca/special-reports/eu-support-to-the-rule-of-law-in-Western-Balkans-01-2022/en/>.