

**Question for written answer E-001561/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Compensation for the refusal to admit Romania to the Schengen area

I very much appreciate the Commission's support for Romania joining the Schengen area, and the good faith in which it has acted to uphold a fundamental right of EU citizens – that of freedom of movement.

Can the Commission indicate how much Romania is estimated to have lost financially since 2011, when it met all the criteria for being allowed to join the Schengen area, and the impact of those losses on the environment?

The assessments by line ministries in Romania show the losses to amount to EUR 10 billion annually.

Can the Commission please state what mechanism it is considering using to compensate Romania for its financial losses since 2011, and what its views are on resolving this deadlock, which has trapped Romanians in situation they have done nothing to deserve?

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