

**Question for written answer E-002580/2023/rev.1
to the Council**

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Subject: European Council putting limits on EU enlargement

During his visit to Slovenia on 28 August 2023, the President of the European Council called on the EU to speed up the enlargement process. With five official candidates, the Balkan region is particularly affected. In June 2022, Ukraine and Moldova were also granted candidate country status, while Georgia is awaiting validation by the EU. Türkiye, which has been a candidate since 1987, had its status officially recognised by the EU in 1999.

All of these membership procedures demonstrate that the EU institutions are keen to forever enlarge this European 'empire', even when it means expanding the process to include countries like Kosovo and Türkiye, which have little in common with the millennia-old civilisation that has made Europe strong.

When a powerful organisation like UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) includes countries from outside Europe such as Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Türkiye and Israel, there is cause for concern.

1. Will the European Council put limits on EU enlargement?
2. Can it guarantee that countries which have not historically or geographically been part of Europe will not be admitted into the EU?

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