

Question for written answer E-002851/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Commission's transparency regarding transfers

On the 'Service standards and principles' page of its website, the Commission states that it places importance on transparency, among other things¹.

The operating budgetary balances of the Member States are key to helping citizens understand the costs and benefits of the EU (there are, of course, also advantages that cannot be put in numbers, such as the freedom to travel, common market and peace). The Commission only published these figures up until 2018².

1. Why are Member States' operational budgetary balances no longer published?
2. Are there any plans to publish them again in future?
3. To what extent is this failure to publish information consistent with the principle of transparency laid down by the Commission itself?

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¹ https://commission.europa.eu/about-european-commission/service-standards-and-principles_de

² https://commission.europa.eu/system/files/2019-10/financial_report_web.pdf