Question for written answer E-001049/2024 to the Commission
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Subject: Screening process after opening of accession negotiations with Bosnia and Herzegovina

During the European Council of 21 to 22 March 2024, the decision was taken to open accession negotiations with Bosnia and Herzegovina, following the recommendation by the Commission. The Commission has been invited to prepare the negotiating framework, after which the Council will decide whether to adopt this framework once all relevant steps set out in the Commission’s report of 12 October 2022 have been taken.

1. Could the Commission confirm that the next formal step in the accession process of Bosnia and Herzegovina – before the adoption of the negotiation framework – is the so-called screening process, during which the negotiating position of Bosnia and Herzegovina will be determined?

2. Can the Commission confirm that the adoption of a negotiation framework is dependent on the successful completion of the screening phase, and that the latter can therefore not start before this process has been completed?

3. When will the screening process start and could the Commission provide a timeline for it?

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