

**Question for written answer P-002625/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: The process of Turkish accession and pre-accession aid

For the period 2014 to 2020, the Commission has pledged Turkey a total of EUR 4 454 billion in pre-accession aid<sup>1</sup>. However, given the current political situation in the country, demands are being made for a re-assessment of the accession situation: the possible elimination of financial aid has repeatedly been mooted as a possible way of exerting political pressure on the country<sup>2</sup>.

1. How much pre-accession aid has been disbursed to Turkey so far?
2. What is the amount of pre-accession aid that has yet to be disbursed to Turkey?

The statements cited above are taken from interviews with and articles by individual Commission representatives and do not therefore constitute the Commission's official position. Has the Commission ever specifically threatened Turkey or any other country with a reduction or total cancellation of pre-accession aid? If so, can it give specific examples?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/instruments/funding-by-country/turkey\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/instruments/funding-by-country/turkey_en)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.zeit.de/politik/ausland/2016-11/eu-tuerkei-recep-tayyip-erdogan-kritik-bruessel/seite-2>