

**Priority question for written answer P-000540/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The situation of the Serbs in Kosovo

In a written question dated 14.4.2023¹, I asked the Commission about the Association of Serb-majority municipalities in Kosovo.

The establishment of this association was provided for in the 2013 Brussels Agreement²³.

'The European Union's special representative [...], Miroslav Lajčák, met representatives of the Serbian and Kosovar governments in Brussels on Thursday 16 November', but these discussions did not reach a 'breakthrough' on this point, according to Agence Europe⁴⁵.

Furthermore, 'the Kosovo Central Bank announced that as of 1 February, a Regulation of Cash Operations will enter into force [which] specifies that the euro is the only currency allowed for cash and digital payments in the country'⁶.

In addition, 'Serbian banks in Kosovo, Kosovo Serbs receiving pensions from Serbia, and employees of institutions that are still part of the Serbian system, such as schools and hospitals [...] use only dinars'⁷.

What action does the Commission intend to take on these two points, as well as in relation to the education and health systems of Kosovo Serbs?⁸

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2023-001212_EN.html

² <https://www.srbija.gov.rs/cinjenice/en/120394>

³ <https://kfos.org/storage/app/uploads/public/5f2/00e/bd3/5f200ebd39816640406402.pdf>

⁴ <https://agenceurope.eu/en/bulletin/article/13295/4>

⁵ 'Association of Kosovo Serb Municipalities, no breakthrough in negotiations between Belgrade and Pristina', Brussels, 17.11.2023 (Agence Europe).

⁶ <https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/serbia-unhappy-over-kosovo-enforcing-euro-only-currency-policy-eu-seeks-answers/>

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⁸ <https://www.crisisgroup.org/europe-central-asia/balkans/kosovo-serbia/toward-normal-relations-between-kosovo-and-serbia>