

**Priority question for written answer P-001669/2023/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Possibility of establishing the European customs authority in Bucharest

The draft reform of the Customs Union presented by the European Commission is to be welcomed. Particularly encouraging are its three cornerstones, namely: a new customs data platform that will replace 111 IT systems currently used by the 27 Member States; a customs authority in the form of a European agency that will be operational as of 2028; a new framework for e-commerce, to address customs undervaluation. Currently, 65% of parcels entering the EU are being deliberately undervalued in customs declarations, affecting our budget and creating problems for SMEs.

In view of: 1. the strategic importance assumed by Romania in the light of recent developments - affecting customs arrangements also - sparked by the crises occurring over the last few years (illegal migration, war refugees, grain exports); 2. the unfair decision to bar Romania from joining the Schengen Area; 3. the inequitable distribution of European agencies in the EU, with Romania being one of the most Member States least favourably treated in this regard;

is the Commission considering the possibility of selecting Bucharest as the seat of the future European customs authority?

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