

**Priority question for written answer P-000577/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: How Germany benefits from the EU single market

According to calculations by the Deutsche Presse-Agentur (DPA) agency, Germany contributed a net total of around EUR 25.1 billion to EU spending in 2021. At the same time, according to the government in Berlin, Germany benefits the most from the EU single market, gaining more than five times as much from it, some EUR 132 billion a year.

When asked by the DPA about Germany's specific contributions to the EU budget, the Commission declined to comment on the figures. In light of the above:

1. Is it true that the Commission does not publish balance sheets because it fears that the figures could be politically instrumentalised?
2. Are the amounts given above accurate? If not, what is Germany's balance of payments to and benefits from the EU single market for the period 2004-2023?

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