## <u>Press release - Press conference on EP reports on Albania and North Macedonia</u>



When: 14:30 - 15:00 CET, Thursday 25 March, 2021

Where: Brussels, Anna Politkovskaya press room SPAAK 0A50, remote participation via Interactio, and live streaming

Following the vote, <u>Isabel Santos</u> (S&D, PT) and <u>Ilhan Kyuchyuk</u> (Renew, BG) will comment on the Parliament's position on the 2019-2020 Commission Reports on Albania and North Macedonia and answer questions from journalists during a press conference on Thursday at 14.30 CET.

The results of the final vote on the two reports will be announced at 18.15 in the Plenary chamber.

The rapporteurs will be present in the press room during the conference.

Interpretation will be available in English, French, Bulgarian and Portuguese.

## **Background**

The enlargement reports are the European Parliament's response to the annual Commission reports on the candidate and the potential candidate countries in the EU accession process. Resolutions adopted in plenary represent the European Parliament's official position as regards EU relations with these countries.

Journalists wishing to actively participate and ask questions, please connect via Interactio by using this:

https://broadcaster.interactio.eu/join/66e2-hylp-lw4u

You can also follow it live from 14.30 via Parliament's <u>webstreaming</u> and EbS+.

Important notice: Following advice from Parliament's medical service, EP President Sassoli has decided that anyone wishing to enter Parliament's premises must wear either a surgical mask or an FFP2 respiratory mask without a valve as of 8 March. You will not be allowed to enter Parliament wearing a 'community mask' or any mask made of textiles.

## Information for the media - Use Interactio to ask questions

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For more details, check the <u>connection guidelines</u> and <u>recommendations for remote speakers</u>.