

**Question for written answer E-004698/2014
to the Commission
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Subject: Transport scoreboard - reducing disparities regarding motorway density

On 10 April 2014, the Commission published for the first time a comparative transport scoreboard for the EU Member States consisting of 22 categories, in most of which the five Member States with the best results and the five weakest are identified. With regard to motorway density in terms of the total number of motorway kilometres and the population of the Member State concerned (in millions) on 1 January 2012, the five leading Member States were Slovenia (373.6), Spain (310.9), Luxembourg (289.6), Cyprus (298.1) and Croatia (293.3), the weakest being the Czech Republic (70.9), Bulgaria (62.5), United Kingdom (58), Poland (27.8) and Romania (17.4), the EU-28 average being 141.5.

What measures are being envisaged by the Commission to reduce the major disparities between the individual Member States regarding motorway density and, in particular, help the weakest come closer to achieving at least the EU-28 average? Does the Commission have a target date for achievement of this objective?