

**Question for written answer E-006079/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Adverse impact on border regions of differing national tax and excise regimes

Disparities in national legislation may have an extremely adverse impact on border regions. For example, differences in tax and excise rates in one country may have very distorting effects on the economy in the border area in another country.

1. Is there any scope for, at least temporarily, alleviating the adverse effects described above?
2. What European funds or schemes could be used for the purpose?