

**Question for written answer E-006411/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Icelandic volcanos - crises in the skies over Europe

The threat of a new volcanic eruption in Iceland seems to be receding and with it, that of Europe's air traffic once more being brought to a standstill as happened in 2010.

1. What mechanisms are there in place at present at European level to manage these crisis situations (forwarding of information, rerouting, etc.)?
2. What assistance is offered so grounded passengers can reach their final destination (in Europe or outside it) in spite of everything?
3. Did the 2010 crisis lead to European air traffic control authorities improving their capacity to respond to these crises and emergency situations? If so, how?