

**Question for written answer E-006491/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Floating dock in Ferrol

The Spanish press has echoed reports that the Commission's Directorate-General for Competition has rejected the Spanish authorities' proposed funding system for the construction of a floating dock in the Ferrol estuary and has allegedly informed the Spanish Government of its decision. According to the information provided, DG Competition rejected the proposal because it could constitute state aid incompatible with EU internal market rules. However, in its answer to Written Question E-005745/2014 the Commission informed me that Spain 'informally consulted' the Commission and that 'in the absence of a formal notification (...) the Commission was, so far, not in a position for either accepting or refusing the project'.

1. Could the Commission clarify whether DG Competition has received the above file and whether it has conveyed a negative response to the Spanish authorities?
2. Could it provide details of the financial terms laid out in the project and the reasons why they could contravene Community market rules, and if there is any way in which this could be rectified?
3. Does the Commission feel that the special circumstances currently affecting the Ferrol area entitle it to be considered an exceptional case, under the terms of Article 107 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union?