Question for written answer E-007960/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Jutta Steinruck (S&D) and Norbert Neuser (S&D)

Subject: Nürburgring state aid procedure - list of talks

On 1 October 2014, the Commission made public its decisions concerning the state aid granted to the Nürburgring.

The decisions have generally been welcomed, as they will benefit the region and provide the necessary legal certainty for the new owners.

However, many people in the Nürburg area are still concerned and uneasy about the case, in particular because details repeatedly emerged of talks held at the Commission in Brussels and of documents drawn up in connection with the procedure before the Commission officially made its decisions public on 1 October 2014.

- 1. Can the Commission provide a list of the talks held between the Commissioner, members of his private office and staff involved in the Nürburgring investigation and external bodies prior to the official publication of the decisions on 1 October 2014?
- 2. In its answer of 11 September 2014 to Written Question E-005819 of 17 July 2014, the Commission stated: 'Following these allegations in the press, an investigation was launched into the matter. Regarding the Nürburgring case itself, as it is an open investigation, the Commission is unable to comment further at this stage.'

Given that the procedure is now closed, can the Commission say whether the investigation is still ongoing and give details of any findings?

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