

**Question for written answer E-008508/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Strategic noise mapping

In June 2007 the Commission opened an infringement procedure against Malta on the subject of strategic noise maps. A letter of formal notice was issued, followed by a reasoned opinion in March 2010 and an additional reasoned opinion in June 2010 concerning the implementation of Directive 2002/49/EC.

The Maltese Government published a White Paper on 'Prevention, Abatement and Control of Neighbourhood Noise' last year to introduce this obligation. However, in parallel with this White Paper, new methods which supersede the original obligations, known as Common Noise Assessment Methods in Europe (CNOSSOS-EU), were introduced by the Commission. Malta, like all the other Member States, needs to adhere to these obligations as well by 2017.

My question is twofold:

1. Is the Commission updated on Malta's current situation in this regard, with a view to all the legal obligations laid down in the directive being met?
2. Is the Commission satisfied with Malta's level of preparedness to take on board the new methods scheduled to be introduced in three years' time?