

**Question for written answer E-009024/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Overdue maintenance of the European inland waterway network

1. In the Commission's view, is the operational reliability of the (north-western) European inland waterway network such that there is no need for users to fear unannounced congestion as a result of overdue maintenance?
2. Does the Commission believe it would be acceptable for Member States to impose restrictions (depth, width and height) on waterborne transport as a result of overdue maintenance, and such that the existing European shipping fleet that is currently operating would no longer be able to travel?
3. Is the Commission willing to investigate the possibility of allocating a (limited) portion of the (TEN-T) contributions to Member States for the purpose of resolving or preventing bottlenecks caused by maintenance-related projects (in so far as renovation/reconstruction work is being carried out)?