

**Question for written answer E-010356/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Development of passenger traffic at airports

Eurostat has revealed that among the 30 biggest airports in the EU, the one which lost most passengers in 2013 was Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas, which saw a decline of 12% in passenger numbers over the course of the year.

In addition, of all the Member States, Spain recorded the third largest fall in passenger numbers (1.3%), compared with an increase of 1.7% in the EU as a whole.

1. Given that the Spanish Government had pushed for an increase in charges that was widely criticised in the aviation sector because it led to rises of 20% on average, how does the Commission explain the sharp decline in the number of passengers at Madrid-Barajas?
2. Does the Commission consider the Spanish Government's charges policy to have had an impact on this development?