

**Question for written answer E-005243/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Tax for the use of German roads

The lower house of the German Parliament adopted a very controversial law that will impose a tax for the use of German roads.

The Bundestag passed the law on Friday, with 443 votes in favour, 128 votes against and 6 abstentions. Although the upper house, the Bundesrat, is to review this law at the beginning of May, it does not have the competence to prevent its implementation, meaning that this tax, which has caused fierce debate in Germany, will most likely be introduced from 2016, according to Deutsche Welle's web page.

All drivers, including those from other countries, who use the highways in Germany (*Autobahnen*) will have to pay a tax; however, drivers registered in Germany – who will pay the tax automatically, both for highways and major roads – will be refunded the money indirectly, as they will benefit from a reduction of the motor vehicle tax.

What is the Commission's position with regard to this tax?