

**Question for written answer E-006403/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: 'Turkish airport eclipses west European airports'

Turkey is developing a major international airport which Turkish Airlines CEO Temel Kotil says will eclipse west European airports. Kotil is also the president of the Association of European Airlines (AEA). Opening is scheduled for 2017 and it is planned to be the world's largest airport. In an interview published in the German press, Kotil is quoted as saying that European politicians cannot see that their airports are losing out to the competition from Turkey. 'They're afraid of losing votes, so they don't do anything.' Kotil gave the example of 'the established hub of Frankfurt', but his comments could just as easily refer to Schiphol¹.

1. Is any EU funding going towards the construction of this airport? If it is, how much?
2. Currently Turkey is receiving EUR hundreds of millions from the EU in various types of support. When will the EU stop providing the world's 18th largest economy with financial support, which effectively sponsors competition against Europe?

¹ <http://www.elsevier.nl/Economie/nieuws/2015/4/Turks-vliegveld-overvleugelt-West-Europese-1749600W/>