Question for written answer E-010140/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 José Blanco López (S&D)

Subject: Discrimination over motorway tolls in Germany

On 18 June 2015 the Commission opened proceedings against Germany for possible discrimination with regard to the toll it wants to introduce on motorways for private cars, since only German citizens will not pay this toll, because they will be given the same amount of tax relief and because the vignettes (car tax stickers) for short-term use, which will normally be bought by non-Germans, have a disproportionately high price.

According to calculations by the German Ministry of Transport, the measure called into question by the Commission could bring into the public coffers EUR 500 million a year, which would be allocated to infrastructure maintenance.

Can the Commission, breaking the figures down by Member State, give an annual estimate of the number of private vehicles in the EU affected by this measure? How many vehicles from third countries would be in this situation?

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