

Question for written answer E-014313/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Complaints concerning the selling-on of the Nürburgring

In the context of the case involving the subsidies paid to the operators of the Nürburgring racing circuit, on 1 October 2014 the Commission declared the sale of the circuit to Capricorn lawful. The circuit was then sold on to a Russian consortium, however. In late 2014, the unsuccessful bidders 'Ja zum Nürburgring e.V.', Nexovation and Meyrick Cox lodged written complaints with the Commission protesting at this transaction.

Against this background, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What stage has been reached in the procedure for considering the complaints against the selling-on of the circuit and when is the Commission likely to take a decision?
2. Why is the procedure taking such an exceptionally long time?
3. What view does the Commission take of the complaints, in the light of the actions brought before the Court of Justice of the European Union?