

Question for written answer E-004037/2016
to the Commission
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Subject: Closure of Dancharinea border crossing on account of the state of emergency in France

Following the attacks in Paris in November 2015, France brought in a state of emergency and notified the Commission that pursuant to Article 23 of the Schengen Borders Code, controls would be reintroduced on a temporary basis at borders with other EU Member States until the end of May 2016.

While other border crossings in the area have been gradually opened again or now use mobile border control systems, the crossing connecting Navarre with France in the district of Dancharinea in Urdax remains completely closed.

The closure of this crossing point is causing Urdax serious economic harm, as it isolates businesses in the area. If it remains closed in the summer the situation will become even worse as this is when this road is at its busiest.

Has France notified the Commission of any intention to prolong for the next few months the duration of border controls reintroduced on a temporary basis?

In the Commission's opinion, is closing border crossings temporarily in some areas but not in others discriminatory?

Is there an EU financial compensation mechanism of some kind for areas suffering from the temporary closure of border crossings and with no expectation of a return to normal in the short term?