

**Question for written answer E-006797/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Car hire surcharges in the EU

One of the aims the EU sets itself in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) is that of establishing the single market. In recent decades, the EU has done away with internal borders and established freedom of movement for persons, goods, services and capital in the internal market.

Renting a standard, economy-class car for four days in Madrid and dropping it off in San Sebastián costs EUR 320.36.

The simple fact of crossing the border into France and dropping the car off in Biarritz, however, makes the price skyrocket to EUR 2 014.36 – almost a tenfold increase.

This is a clear example of distortion of the internal market, as established under Article 26 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and it is at odds with the free movement of persons, as enshrined in Article 3(2) of TEU. As things stand, freedom of movement is being undermined, years after the technical, legal and bureaucratic barriers were lifted in order to foster mobility between the Member States.

Does the Commission think that surcharges of the kind referred to above are conducive to the success of the internal market?

Could it say what needs to be done in order to put an end to cross-border surcharges within the EU?