

Question for written answer E-006944/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Aviation strategy: amendment concerning state aid

The Committee of the Regions is currently discussing the draft opinion on aviation strategy in COTER. Moreover, an amendment has been tabled calling for regional authorities to have no limits imposed on the level and methods of financial intervention with regard to the disbursement of public funds and state aid, on the grounds that this should be regarded as part of their spatial planning. The amendment to paragraph 13 provides that, in order not to distort competition and lose credibility, it is vital to ensure transparency, without, however, imposing any limits on the level and methods of financial intervention, given that this should be regarded as being part of the spatial planning for which individual regions are responsible.

- Does the Commission think that regional authorities can be exempted from complying with the financial intervention limits laid down by EU rules on state aid and the relevant guidelines in force?
- In the Commission's view, can the required transparency to ensure the non-distortion of competition be guaranteed without imposing any financial intervention limits relating to the level and methods of action for regional authorities, as proposed by the amendment in question?