

**Question for written answer E-000344/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Waterborne passenger transport statistics

When it adopted its own-initiative report on 'unleashing the potential of waterborne passenger transport' (2015/2350/INI)), Parliament noted that this type of transport was not being used solely for inland navigation. Given that land-based transport links had got congested, it was becoming increasingly common to carry passengers along coasts and shorelines by water.

That being the case, Parliament asked the Commission to produce statistics on waterborne transport, with particular reference to the numbers of ferries, cruise ships, and cross-border maritime services. Cruise passenger numbers and data on port-of-call passenger visits are likewise essential indicators.

1. What progress has been made in developing a harmonised system for gathering statistics on waterborne passenger transport?
2. When will the Commission submit its initial findings and analyses to Parliament?