

**Question for written answer E-001832/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Innovation in the EU aeronautics sector

According to a news item on the BBC website, the Commission has funded a study by the Netherlands Aerospace Centre to research the possible development of new airports with circular banked runways on which three flights could be operated at once. This would, according to the study, reduce both pollution from aircraft emissions and the congestion suffered at some airports at present. Given that Parliament adopted the report on an Aviation Strategy for Europe in plenary in February 2017:

- Does the Commission have the findings on the environmental benefits development of airports of this kind could produce?
- Has the Commission assessed through EASA what effects these runways could have on safety of aviation operations?
- Is the Commission considering incorporating this possibility into a future aviation strategy for Europe?