

**Question for written answer E-002254/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Cruise ships in the Mediterranean

According to an ÖkoStandard report published on 24 November 2016, cruise tourism has a highly detrimental effect on air quality, particularly in the Mediterranean. A total of 520 cruise ships stopped in Palma alone in 2016. Ships in the Mediterranean run mainly on petrol, which contains up to 3.5% of sulphur.

1. Is the Commission aware of the environmental damage caused by cruise tourism?
2. Does the above state of affairs go against the EU Environment Action Programme to 2020 (EAP)?
3. What environmental measures does the Commission propose taking to protect the Mediterranean?