

Question for written answer E-004934/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: EU 'aid centre' at Ponikve airport in south-western Serbia

According to media reports, the EU is planning to set up an 'aid centre' in the immediate vicinity of Ponikve airport in south-western Serbia. It would be a counterpart to the Russian aid centre in Nis in southern Serbia. According to reports in the Serbian press, the EU intends to share the investment required with the USA. The airport manager has confirmed that last year the airport applied to the EU representation in Belgrade for funding for the project. No final decision has apparently yet been taken.

1. What is the thinking behind the decision to set up an EU 'aid centre' in south-western Serbia, and what kind of aid is to be provided there?
2. What stage has been reached in the planning process?
3. In the context of the project to set up an 'aid centre' in the vicinity of Ponikve airport, how closely is the EU working with the USA, or with US agencies or bodies?