

**Question for written answer P-014460/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Action brought by the association 'Ja zum Nürburgring e.V.' before the Court of Justice of the European Union

The association 'Ja zum Nürburgring e.V.' has brought an action before the Court of Justice of the European Union against the decision to sell the Nürburgring racing circuit. The Commission has requested an extension of the deadline for submission of its opinion, on the grounds that it was only as a result of a further action brought by NeXovation that the Commission had learned that the Nürburgring was being resold to a Russian investor. Yet it can be proven that the Commission did know this fact in advance, as Commissioner Vestager confirmed in a letter of 5 April 2015.

1. Why did the Commission, or the lawyer acting for it, claim to have learned of the involvement of the Russian investor only as a result of the action brought by NeXovation?
2. As the Commission itself writes in its request for an extension of the deadline, it is necessary to examine the resale with the requisite care and in sufficient detail. Why has this not already been done, despite the fact that the Commission has known of the resale at the very least since the beginning of the year?
3. What specific inquiries has the Commission undertaken in the meantime, and what conclusions has it reached which might be relevant to the assessment of the cases brought?