

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1685/01
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to the Commission

Subject: Adverse effect on competition of system of awarding ECMT (European Conference of Ministers of Transport) licences

1. What is the Commission's opinion of the ECMT scheme in the context of EU enlargement?
2. How does the Commission view the fact that large batches of ECMT licences are awarded to only a relatively small number of East European transport undertakings?
3. How does the Commission view the development of the ECMT licence system, which was originally introduced on the basis of a resolution of the Council of Ministers to assist liberalisation, into a systematically entrenched branch of the economy that has the effect of distorting competition?
4. If current practice in relation to the award of ECMT licences is continued, does the Commission consider that new transport undertakings will have fair opportunities for access to the market?