

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0847/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Airport taxes

What measures is the Commission prepared to take, at a time when the airline industry is being severely streamlined, in order to ensure that a fairer system of taxation is implemented and that double/triple taxation on journeys through a single airport is brought rapidly to an end?

A passenger who buys an airline ticket and travels from Dublin to London Heathrow and from London Heathrow to Belgrade before returning from Belgrade to London Heathrow and then flying from London Heathrow to Amsterdam will find that, as a result of the current system of airport taxes, each ticket included an additional cost of GBP 27.50. In other words, the tax is paid three times by the same passenger for what is essentially a round trip.