

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2699/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Differential pricing of European train tickets

Can the Commission comment on the legality of the situation where the cost of European train travel can be significantly more expensive on English-language versions of train ticket websites than on such websites in native language versions? The UK consumer magazine Which? recently found that on the Spanish-language version of the website of the Spanish rail operator RENFE a second class adult single ticket from Madrid to Barcelona cost € 43.80. The English version of the website gave the cost of the identical ticket as €109.50. Is this legal?