

**Question for written answer E-009682/2011  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Airline alliances

Airlines are forming Europe-level alliances which are leading to tacit agreements on routes, increased charges and even ticket price fixing.

In order to remove any doubts, will the Commission examine whether or not such alliances are in breach of free market regulations and whether cartels are being created?