

**Question for written answer E-004044/2013/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**Sabine Wils (GUE/NGL)**

Subject: Subsidies for the Stuttgart 21 railway project

At the request of the Federal Republic of Germany, by decision of 12 December 2008<sup>1</sup> the EU made available a subsidy of EUR 114.5 million for the Stuttgart 21 rail station project .

In support of this decision it is stated that Stuttgart 21 would double the station's performance.

In its answer to the question by Michael Theurer of 1 March 2013 (E-002430/2013) the Commission states that this subsidy 'was evaluated by external experts and was found eligible according to the general TEN-T conditions for financing projects, including due respect of the EU environmental legislation'.

1. Who were these experts? What was their finding about the future performance of the station, and did this finding have a decisive effect on their evaluation?
2. What is the Commission's response to the criticisms that the new station will not even reach the capacity of the old one?
3. Should this prove true, does this constitute political deception or even illegal aid?
4. If so, what action will the Commission take in consequence, particularly as regards funds already paid?

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<sup>1</sup> Translator's note: This document, K(2008) 8055, exists only in German.