

**Question for written answer E-004697/2014  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Transport scoreboard - reduction in disparities regarding the quality of port infrastructures

On 10 April 2014, the Commission published for the first time a comparative transport scoreboard for the EU Member States consisting of 22 categories, in most of which the five Member States with the best results and the five weakest are identified. The quality of port infrastructures is assessed against the yardstick recommended by the World Economic Forum (Global Competitiveness Report 2013-2014), awarding points from 1 (very primitive) to 7 (meeting international standards in terms of size and efficiency). From this it emerges that the five Member States with the best port infrastructures are the Netherlands (6.79), Finland (6.38), Belgium (6.28), Germany (5.85) and Sweden (5.82), while the weakest are Hungary (3.92), Bulgaria (3.92), Slovakia (3.69), Poland (3.68) and Romania (3.00), the EU-28 average being 5.05.

What measures are being envisaged by the Commission to reduce the major disparities between the individual Member States regarding the quality of their port infrastructures and, in particular, help the weakest come closer to achieving at least the EU-28 average? Does the Commission have a target date for achievement of this objective?