

**Question for written answer E-005402/2014
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Project 'Rail Baltica'

It was reported that Lithuania's target to change the railway project 'Rail Baltica' by including Vilnius in it, is contrary to European Union (EU) law. According to the project coordinator Pavel Telička, it is incomprehensible why Lithuania, which previously supported the railway route through Kaunas, has changed its position. He warned that, in order to apply for EU funding in a timely manner, a joint venture is to be established in the next few weeks. According to Mr. Telička, the European Commission could consider the possibility of connecting Vilnius to the project only in the future after a feasibility study justifying such a need. Also, Mr. Telička emphasised that the primary route through Tallinn, Riga and Kaunas is approved by EU regulation, and, in case of incompliance with it, the European Commission can launch an infringement procedure.

I would like to know whether Vilnius' inclusion in the project would infringe upon EU law? If so, I would like for there to be specifically listed what Lithuania would infringe upon. What are the penalties for this infringement?