

Question for written answer E-005511/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Abuses and corruption at the border between Turkey and Bulgaria

Last summer, thousands of EU citizens once again suffered serious inconvenience due to corrupt practices in Bulgaria, such as people being compelled to pay bribes at the border and the imposition by the traffic police of dubious fines to be paid in cash. Waiting times at the border between Turkey and Bulgaria were as long as 14 hours, and the compulsory disinfection of cars entering Bulgaria rightly caused considerable irritation.

1. Apart from annual CVM reports, what measures does the Commission take to ensure that all EU citizens can travel through Bulgaria safely?
2. How effective have the Commission's measures been, and how is their effectiveness assessed?
3. Does the Commission regard corruption affecting EU citizens in Bulgaria as a possible obstacle to free movement of persons?