

**Question for written answer E-000447/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Scope of the Road Trip Project

On 16 January 2018, the Commission's Regional and Urban Policy department (DG REGIO) announced the Road Trip Project, which saw eight individuals travel on four routes across Europe between spring and summer 2018. The travellers shared what they learned by filming and posting their stories online to other millennials across the continent and beyond.

The project targets regions and cities in Europe in order to boost their economic growth and improve people's quality of life. It is also an expression of solidarity by focusing support on the less developed regions. However, eight Member States were not included in any of the four routes in the 2018 project.

Given the significant potential benefits of the project, a priority going forward must be the inclusion of countries such as Ireland, which could benefit greatly from being included in future routes taken during the course of the project.

In light of this, is the Commission considering extending the scope of DG Regio's project in 2019? If so, can it outline any existing plans and strategies to include Ireland on the list of Road Trip destinations in 2019?