

**Question for written answer E-001069/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Monitoring rail competition

The European Commission has recently vetoed the merger between Alstom and Siemens. One of the arguments in favour of the merger was the creation of company large enough to compete with the Chinese CRRC, itself a result of a merger between two Chinese state-controlled companies, CNR and CSR. A number of written questions were addressed to the Commission when the CRRC came into being. The Commission replied that it was not empowered to rule on the merger, given that the EUR 100 million threshold for turnover in Europe had not been reached.

1. Have the Commission's full findings been made public?
2. Given CRRC's recent attempted incursions into the European Union, does the Commission expect to anticipate rapid market developments more effectively?