

**Question for written answer E-003441/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Lufthansa

The Italian airline Alitalia was saved from bankruptcy as a cost of EUR 3.35 billion ¹. In contrast to this, the EUR 9 billion rescue package by the German state for Lufthansa was strongly criticised by the Commission and only authorised subject to conditions.

1. Given that strict conditions apply to Lufthansa, why was it possible to subsidise Alitalia without problem even though the aid for Alitalia is four times greater in relation to the size of the undertaking?
2. Why must Lufthansa give up take-off and landing rights at its most important airports to non-European competitors ², thus weakening European competitiveness, while Alitalia was not required to do likewise?

¹ <https://www.faz.net/aktuell/wirtschaft/streit-um-lufthansa-rettung-schaut-auf-alitalia-16789235.html>

² <https://www.grenzecho.net/36705/artikel/2020-05-30/lufthansa-gibt-landerechte-ab-airline-rettung-nimmt-wichtige-hurde>