

**Question for written answer E-004349/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Lufthansa rescue

As a result of the travel restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, global air traffic came to a near standstill with dire consequences for the very survival of the airlines. Almost all national airlines in the EU have been nationalised or have received substantial funding. The Franco-Dutch Air France-KLM Group has received a total of EUR 10 billion in support. Lufthansa has received EUR 9 billion and the Italian Alitalia airline EUR 3.3 billion.

1. Why did the Commission fail to attach conditions to state aid for AirFrance-KLM and Alitalia?
2. Why is Lufthansa being forced to give up slots at its Frankfurt and Munich hubs, while AirFrance-KLM is being allowed to maintain its existing flights in at both the Paris (Charles de Gaulle) and Amsterdam (Schiphol) hubs, both of which have higher passenger volumes than Frankfurt and Munich?