

**Question for written answer E-003819/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Speeding up planning, permits and procurement procedures

Planning and permit procedures often extend over a number of years and constitute a barrier to new investment in companies and infrastructures. They must be speeded up in the European Union if future challenges are to be tackled quickly and adequately.

1. What plans does the Commission have to ensure, in the context of the Aarhus Convention, that planning procedures at European level are simplified and speeded up and bureaucratic barriers to investment in companies and infrastructure reduced?
2. Is the Commission taking action to ensure that the simplified procurement procedures introduced as stimulus measures during the pandemic are converted into law on a permanent basis?