

**Question for written answer E-001778/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Violation of the right of peaceful protest in the transport industry in Bulgaria

The war in Ukraine and high fuel prices have put such pressure on transport companies that they need urgent measures to be taken to protect the sector from mass bankruptcies and being unable to function properly.

This is why the entire transport industry organised protests that were due to take place in Sofia on 10.05.2022 and 11.05.2022. Despite an agreement being reached and explicit permission being granted to hold the protest, Sofia City Council and the law enforcement authorities have not allowed the representatives of the transport industry to exercise their legally guaranteed right of peaceful protest.

In view of the above, can the Commission state:

1. What is the Commission's view on the case?
2. What action it will take to support the transport industry in these exceptional circumstances?