

**Question for written answer E-003481/2023  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Negative effects caused by the practical implementation of the EU-Ukraine and EU-Moldova agreements on the carriage of freight by road

Road haulage organisations from several Member States have recently raised concerns about the practical implementation of the EU-Ukraine agreement on the carriage of freight by road. According to them, the suspension of the bilateral permit system's effects went far beyond its original intentions and is currently causing serious damage to the EU market. They say it is harming the competitiveness of EU road transport operators due to the massive increase in transport operations within the EU operated by non-EU hauliers. Given the foregoing:

1. Is the Commission aware of these negative effects?
2. Does it monitor the rate of increase in transport operations by non-EU hauliers as a consequence of the suspension of the bilateral permit systems with Ukraine and Moldova?
3. Does it intend to take measures to protect the interests and competitiveness of EU road transport operators in this regard?

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