

**Question for written answer E-000190/2024/rev.1  
to the Council**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Situation of road hauliers at the borders with the Schengen area

Following the decision taken in the EU Council at the end of 2023, Romania and Bulgaria will join Schengen as regards air and sea borders from 31 March 2024, with a separate decision on accession as regards land and river borders to be discussed at a later stage.

Tens of thousands of Romanian hauliers are suffering huge financial losses and are being humiliated in having to spend hours and even days at border crossing points.

1. Given the situation in which Romanian hauliers find themselves, I would like to ask the Council whether the accession of Romania and Bulgaria to the Schengen area as regards land and river borders is a priority of its mandate?
2. Is the Council also considering allocating funds to compensate transport companies and hauliers for the financial losses suffered due to the situation at the borders with the Schengen area?

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