

**Question for written answer E-000191/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Situation of hauliers and creation of a European Road Transport Agency

Romania and Bulgaria will join Schengen as regards air and sea borders in 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.

Given the situation in which Romanian carriers find themselves, I would like to ask the Commission whether it is 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?

The creation of a European Road Transport Agency would help harmonise and strengthen oversight of road transport operations with a view to implementing social and road safety legislation in Europe.

There is a need for EU-level supervision of road transport in order to apply the relevant social and road safety legislation, and such EU-level supervision could be achieved more effectively through the intermediary of a European Road Transport Agency.

Does the Commission plan to create such an agency at EU level?

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