ORAL QUESTION H-0471/05 for Question Time at the part-session in July 2005 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Bogusław Liberadzki to the Council

Subject: Financing rail infrastructure

There are major disparities between the Member States as regards government policy on financing rail infrastructure. Sweden and Poland are extreme examples of this, with the Swedish Government providing a very high level of funding for costs associated with the use of rail infrastructure.

Has the Council undertaken any comparative analyses of the situation in the individual States? Bearing in mind the idea of creating a European rail network, does the Council consider it appropriate to initiate studies on ways of standardising or at least bringing into line the means of financial support used in the individual Member States for the purpose of developing and maintaining rail infrastructures?

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