

**Question for written answer P-007929/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Strategic environmental assessment of the Federal transport infrastructure plan

In August 2016, the German Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure decided on a new Federal transport infrastructure plan (BVWP) for Germany. Under Directive 2001/42/EC and its implementation under German law, a strategic environmental assessment (SEA) must be carried out for the Federal transport infrastructure plan. As part of the SEA, public participation is mandatory. However, there are strong doubts as to whether the SEA carried out by the Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure actually complied with the provisions in Directive 2001/42/EC. Friends of the Earth Germany (BUND) therefore lodged a complaint with the EU.

1. Why has the Commission (Bundestag document No 18/9763) not given an opinion on the Federal transport infrastructure plan as part of the participation of the authorities and public, even though this is a binding provision for transport development?
2. What importance does the Commission attach to the alternative testing provided for in the SEA Directive?
3. Have discussions on the SEA already taken place between Commission representatives and the Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure? If so, when, between whom and what was the content?