

**Question for written answer P-008563/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Michael Cramer (Verts/ALE)**

Subject: Generic EIA exemption - TEN-T project

On 29 June, Radio Praha reported: 'On the periphery of post-Brexit talks in Brussels, Czech Prime Minister Sobotka found time to discuss the impasse on EIAs with the President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker. ... on Wednesday morning, Mr Sobotka announced a breakthrough. The Commission is willing to make an exception on 10 transport projects...'

On 29 June, the Czech Parliament approved an Act granting a generic exemption to be used for 14 TEN-T road/rail segment projects. On 14 July, the Czech Senate concurred.

The senators were given a letter from Mr Juncker dated 27 June referring to 10 projects to be funded from EU funds (Ares (2016) 2785963).

1. Which specific Article of the EU Treaties and of the Directive on Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) justifies the exemptions?
2. Can EU funds be utilised if the EIA is based on a law that does not comply with the EIA Directive and thus disregards Article 6 of binding Regulation 1303/2013?
3. How and when were the European Parliament and Member States informed about the exemptions?