

**Question for written answer E-003086/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Withdrawal of the proposal to revise the Slot Regulation

Since withdrawing its long-pending proposal to revise the Slot Regulation¹ from the 2025 work programme, the Commission has left unresolved the problems that had prompted reform: chronic congestion at capacity-constrained European airports and a market that has changed significantly since 1993. Ongoing consolidation has concentrated slot portfolios among a few major airline groups, many of which maintain these slots under the 80/20 rule, potentially limiting opportunities for new entrants and affecting market dynamics. The 2024 Draghi report warned that such allocation inefficiencies are now a structural bottleneck for EU competitiveness and the green transition, yet legislative momentum has stalled despite repeated calls from stakeholders and Parliament.

1. Does the Commission still regard the revision of the Slot Regulation as a legislative priority and, if so, when will it table a new proposal to tackle these urgent challenges?
2. Does the Commission consider that the current 80/20 use-it-or-lose-it rule may contribute to limited slot availability for new entrants, and will it explore options such as divestiture or measures to facilitate market access to support competition?
3. How will the Commission address the Draghi report's warning that outdated slot rules hinder competitiveness and the shift to cleaner aviation, and which legislative or non-legislative instruments does it intend to deploy?

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¹ Council Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 of 18 January 1993 on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports, (OJ L 14, 22.1.1993, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/1993/95/oj>).