Question for written answer E-000225/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Legality and competitiveness of UZ Cargo Polska's operations on the EU market

In 2024, UZ Cargo Polska launched operations on the rail freight market in Poland and other Member States. According to the available information, this operator is directly financed or supported by the Ukrainian state operator Ukrzaliznytsia (UZ), i.e. a company from outside the EU which not subject to Community rules on state aid or equal conditions of competition.

In light of these facts:

1. Are the operations of UZ Cargo Polska, which according to available information enjoys privileged access to financing from outside the EU (possibly including subsidies from Ukrainian state institutions) and is not subject to EU rules on state aid, in compliance with EU internal market rules, particularly as regards fair competition and non-discrimination?

2. Is the Commission monitoring the impact of such operators – linked to third countries and operating in the EU through subsidiaries – on the competitiveness of European rail operators, particularly in light of the current decline in freight transport and job losses in the EU rail sector?

3. If it is confirmed that UZ Cargo Polska enjoys an unfair competitive advantage resulting from funding by a non-EU state entity, does the Commission plan to take any action to level the playing field and protect European rail operators?

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