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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Vestager
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. As a rule, when restructuring aid is granted, measures must be taken to limit distortions of competition. The reduction of the number of routes that TAROM operates and the number of its aircrafts and maintaining such reduced capacity for the entire duration of the restructuring period, were put forward by the Romanian authorities among the measures to limit distortions of competition in the internal market caused by the State's intervention. The Commission examined the financial projections of TAROM and its underlying assumptions and concluded that the restructuring plan of TAROM can restore the long-term viability of TAROM within a reasonable timeframe.
2. Without the restructuring aid TAROM would exit the market to the detriment of regional connectivity. Despite the capacity reduction, the restructuring aid enables TAROM to return to viability through the implementation of its restructuring plan and so contributes to providing regional connectivity to Romanian citizens and businesses.
3. The requested information is business secret of TAROM and as such is confidential.