

**Question for written answer E-014576/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: EU aviation

What are the specific differences between Estonian Air and Air Baltic on the grounds of which the payments made to Estonian Air by its owner are illegal but those made by the owner of Air Baltic are not?

How can the situation in EU law be altered in such a way that countries which are small or peripheral in Europe can have direct flights to European cities, which the existing legal framework makes substantially more difficult?