

**Question for written answer E-002602/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Risk of EU funding for Crete's Northern Highway being lost

Crete's Northern Highway is a project of strategic importance for the development of Crete and citizens' safety. This year alone, 18 people have died in road accidents on this motorway, marking a dark 15-year record.

However, press reports and complaints attest to significant delays in the project's implementation, with competitions and delivery deadlines constantly being deferred and expropriations taking place without any central planning.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What new measures could it propose to ensure that the funding for Crete's Northern Highway is taken up in good time and avoid its being lost?
2. Which and what type of liabilities are there for the Greek Government's delays?
3. What impact does it estimate the delays are having on road safety and the economic development of Crete?

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