

**Question for written answer E-001273/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Ukraine trans-European transport network inland waterway extension

Annex IV of the provisional agreement between Parliament and the Council of 9 February 2024 on the Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) includes maps of an indicative extension to Ukraine.

The map of 'Inland waterways and ports' includes a waterway on the rivers Dnipro and Prypiat via the Kyiv reservoir. This waterway does not end in a transport or urban node but seems to end on the Prypiat, approximately 15 kilometres upstream of the Kyiv reservoir, and intersects the floodplains of the Prypiat, as can be seen on the TENtec viewer.

1. Can the Commission provide details on the foreseen endpoint or final transport node on the Prypiat in Ukraine?
2. Is it correct that the endpoint of the waterway is located in the Chornobylskyi Biosphere Reserve (UA0000046), which is an Emerald Network site?
3. If the construction of inland waterway infrastructure is envisaged on the section on the Prypiat, how does the Commission consider this compatible with the Ukraine's obligation to afford a similar degree of protection to Emerald Network sites as that provided under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive¹, which includes consideration of satisfactory alternatives to proposed plans and projects?

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¹ Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/1992/43/oj>.