

**Question for written answer E-008176/2014/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Conversion of the E45, a highway in central Italy, into a toll-paying motorway

The E45 Orte-Mestre main rural highway is an arterial road that runs through Umbria in central Italy. The Italian national institutions have decided to use project financing to convert the E45 into a toll-paying motorway.

The work will irreversibly damage the Umbrian landscape, with 140 km of viaducts, 60 km of tunnels, 80 junctions and a building site every 20km. This transformation will undermine the right to free movement of those who travel along the E45 every day to get to work.

In 2010, in a similar case (Case No 2345/06 - Dees v. Hungary), the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg had ruled that Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) had been infringed, owing to the harmful emissions caused by heavy traffic – the same problem that will affect urban roads in Umbria.

1. What measures does the Commission intend to take to protect the environment and landscape?
2. Is it aware of any EU funding that has been requested or granted for this project?
3. If so, does it consider this project to be compatible with the right to the free movement of persons?