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Subject: Funding for the Milan eastern external bypass: suspicions of mafia infiltration

The Milan eastern external bypass, which is currently being built, is one of a number of projects under investigation by Italian prosecutors for suspected mafia infiltration of contractors; 26 disqualification orders have already been issued. The European Investment Bank (EIB) is providing €475 million in funding for the infrastructure project. The bypass has also been included among the projects eligible for bond loans guaranteed by the EU.

1. Does the Commission believe a specific procedure for monitoring the contractors involved in the project – to include more thorough anti-mafia checks – should be introduced? Does it consider the current monitoring system to be sophisticated enough to detect any attempts at mafia infiltration of public projects financed by the EU?
2. Does it intend to suspend funding for the project as a precautionary measure?
3. How does it intend to protect EIB funds in cases where evidence emerges of criminal infiltration of projects financed by the bank?