

**Question for written answer E-005016/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: Major delays in construction of Corinth-Patras section of the Athens-Patras motorway

Construction of the motorway between Athens and Patras began in the 1960's and the section between Corinth and Patras was opened in 1969.

In 2008, the motorway was franchised to the Olympia Odos consortium. The consortium undertook to renovate the motorway by 2011.

Although 4 years have passed since the agreed delivery date, the section of motorway between Corinth and Patras has still not been completed.

According to press reports, works are already running 7-8 months behind schedule. ERGOSE is being blamed for this, as they have yet to start work at the 8 points at which the railway crosses the motorway. That project is also being financed from EU funds.

As a result, the completion date for the Corinth-Patras section of the motorway has been pushed back once again, this time to summer 2016.

In terms of progress in the project, 62 % of road renovation works had been completed at the end of 2014.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. What measures does it intend to take in order to fast track construction of the Corinth-Patras section of the Athens-Patras motorway, which is being financed from EU funds?
2. Has it investigated the reasons why construction of the Corinth-Patras section has suffered such delays and, if so, has it held the persons responsible to account?