

Question for written answer E-005017/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: Major delays in construction of the Corinth-Kalamata-Sparta motorway

There have been major delays in construction of the Corinth-Kalamata-Sparta motorway. Although 95 % of works have been completed, construction has now been suspended.

According to press reports, the consortium that undertook to construct the project was asked to stop funding the project in 2013, as the Greek banks consider that the project is not generating sufficient income to repay the loans.

The final extension to the deadline for completing the project was June 2014, when the Greek government revised the franchise contract and earmarked additional funding for the consortium responsible for renovating the motorway.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

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