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Subject: Safety of the Salerno - Reggio Calabria motorway in Italy

On 2 March 2015, one of the spans of the 'Italia' viaduct, which forms part of the motorway running between the cities of Salerno and Reggio Calabria in southern Italy, collapsed, killing one person. The reconstruction work being carried out on this route, contracted in 2005, has been subject to incomprehensible delays. It presents an unacceptable risk to the safety of travellers and calls the adequacy of European transport infrastructures into question. The Salerno – Reggio Calabria motorway forms part of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T), and Italy has requested EUR 600 million in financing through the Juncker investment plan for the reconstruction work. The project has already received funding from the National Operational Programme (PON) for transport and from the European Fund for Regional Development (EUR 477 million in total since 2012).

- Can the Commission clarify how much European funding, in total, has been allocated to the Salerno – Reggio Calabria project to date, and what proportion of this was intended to finance safety measures?
- 2. Can the Commission clarify how it will ensure the safety of the infrastructure of the Salerno Reggio Calabria motorway? Does it intend to take measures in relation to the accident that occurred and what measures does it intend to adopt to avoid similar tragedies in the future?
- 3. Can the Commission explain how it intends to ensure that construction deadlines are met and that safety measures are in place for future TEN-T infrastructure financed by the European Union?

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