

**Question for written answer E-006800/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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**Subject:** Structural failure of the Himera A19 viaduct in Sicily and possible infringements with regard to infrastructure safety management

On 10 April 2015, due to a landslide, a pillar on the Himera viaduct on the A19 Palermo-Catania motorway, suffered from structural failure.

In view of the following:

- the Palermo-Catania motorway is part of the trans-European transport networks;
- Article 10 (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 concerning the development of the trans-European transport network stipulates that in the development of the comprehensive network, general priority must be given to measures that are necessary for improving or maintaining the quality of infrastructure in terms of safety, security, efficiency, climate and disaster resilience;
- Article 19 of that regulation states that priority must be given to the improvement and promotion of road safety;
- Article 34, furthermore, stipulates that Member States must give due consideration to ensuring that transport infrastructure provides for safe and secure movements;

can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Has it been made aware of the precarious hydrogeological state of the area around the viaduct, which was already highlighted in 2005 in a report by the geological and geophysical department of the Sicily Region?
2. In its view, have the aforementioned articles of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 been complied with?
3. Will it provide a detailed assessment on whether the requirements laid down in Articles 4, 5 and 6 of Directive 2008/96/EC have actually been implemented in this specific case?