

**Question for written answer E-010648/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cycle path in Aprilia

In Aprilia, in the Lazio region of Italy, work continues on a cycle path constructed as part of the Plan for Local and Urban Development entitled 'Aprilia innova' [Aprilia innovates], financed through the EFRD's Regional Operational Programme for Lazio for 2007 – 2013. The estimated total cost of this path is EUR 760 135.57.

Work on the cycleway, which began on 1 January 2014, was due to finish on 30 June 2014, but is still ongoing and is far from complete, even though the call for tender indicated that it should take no longer than 300 days.

Although the cycle path is still under construction, significant problems have already arisen. Many sections of the route are very narrow, and it is strewn with obstacles, such as posts and water meters. In addition, the path itself has features which do not conform to Italian Ministerial Decree No 557 of 30 November 1999, in terms of the evenness of the surface and the radius of curvature.

This case is just one of the many examples of delays and mismanagement in the use of European funding.

- Is the Commission aware that situations such as this are not exactly uncommon?
- Does it intend to intervene in this case, as it has elsewhere, in order to ensure that EU funds are being used in Member States in the manner and within the deadlines prescribed?