

**Question for written answer E-003496/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Construction of a tunnel linking the islands Wolin and Usedom in Świnoujście

The annex to the 2007 agreement between the General Directorate for Roads and Motorways and the President of Świnoujście on the development of existing links between Wolin and Usedom was signed on 14 April 2016.

Transport between Świnoujście and the rest of Poland is currently provided by ferries, for which passengers sometimes have to wait several hours. Investment in this area is particularly urgently needed, not just to improve provision of supplies to the city itself, but also for the port, part of which is located on the island of Usedom.

Under an environmental decision taken in 2010, a fixed link in the form of a tunnel is to be built in Świnoujście. In December 2015, the city of Świnoujście opted for a project involving a functional-utility tunnel. The documentation has been drawn up in accordance with the Commission's current guidelines on road infrastructure, set out in the Blue Book.

Funding for the project has not yet been secured. Świnoujście is planning to apply for EU funds from the 2014-2020 OPI&E. According to the signed annex, 85 % of the cost of building the tunnel should come from EU funds.

1. What funding options are available for a project of this kind?
2. In autumn 2015, the General Directorate for Roads and Motorways received EU funding from the OPI&E for the construction of 13 sections of national road. In each of those cases, the funding barely covered 50 % of the costs. Would funding for the tunnel be at the same level?