

**Question for written answer E-005633/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: CEF programme

The Commission has announced the 195 winning projects from the second call for proposals under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) programme in the transport sector. Priority (around 85% of the total invested) has been given to infrastructure projects in Member States which are deemed to be lagging behind in this area, in an effort to enhance cohesion at EU level.

Of the projects concerned, only 12 are situated in Italy, and none in the south of the country, despite a 2015 Svimez report on the region's economy highlighting a serious risk of industrial desertification. The dearth of human, business and financial resources could thus prevent the south from benefiting from any recovery, turning a recurring crisis into chronic underdevelopment.

Can the Commission explain why no infrastructure projects in southern Italy have been given the go-ahead?