

**Question for written answer E-000046/2017  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Trans-European Transport Network and public health

According to a study published by Canadian researchers on Thursday, 5 January 2017 in the British medical journal The Lancet, living alongside major roads could increase the risk of developing Alzheimers-style dementia because of the noise and pollution caused by traffic.

The EU's TEN-T programme, however, contributes to the lengthening and densification of road and highway networks, in particular by offering grants via the Structural Funds or the European Investment Bank.

1. Does the Commission believe that the EU's policy of increasing the number and density of main roads is compatible with its duty to guarantee a high level of human health protection across the EU?
2. How exactly is the Commission planning to minimise the public health risk posed by the TEN-T programme?