WRITTEN QUESTION E-1173/03 by Christos Folias (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Institutional framework envisaged by Europe for jointly funded projects

In recent weeks road networks in Greece have been damaged by landslides, subsidence and fissuring, etc. Despite the progress achieved in recent years by Greece regarding EU-funded public works projects, they are still bedevilled on a regular basis by poor workmanship, delays, overspending, supplementary contracts, the absence of any organisation formally responsible for carrying out surveys, etc.

What view does the Commission take of this and what are its recommendations? What action is it taking to establish an institutional framework at European level so as to shed a clearer light on the awarding of contracts and execution of projects with a view to achieving good standards of workmanship and compliance with deadlines and estimates in respect of projects jointly funded by the EU?