

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1408/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Gioiosa Marina (Messina) section of trunk road SS 113

Since 7 April 2004, the SS 113 trunk road between Patti and Gioiosa Marina (Messina) has been closed to traffic from the point km 87 + 000 owing to the collapse of the road onto the beach below.

The landslip, which is vast and stretches for several hundred metres, is liable to leave the village of Gioiosa Marina completely isolated.

It is currently difficult to handle emergency medical cases there, owing to the time it takes to reach the nearest hospital. Continued isolation will have also have serious repercussions during the forthcoming tourist season.

In view of this, will the Commission verify:

- whether, with regard to the Gioiosa Marina section of the Messina to Palermo trunk road, the Member State concerned took all the environmental assessment measures required by the Community legislation in force?
- whether, in the Regional Operative Programme and the Sicilian Regional Government's subsequent programme complements, there was any reduction in the budget and investment lines for the shoring-up and protection of the soil in areas, such as that mentioned above, that are prone to subsidence and landslips?