

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4365/07  
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to the Commission

Subject: Ioannina airport

According to reports in the Greek press, work on the airport at Ioannina (Epirus) has been halted because of problems connected with the relevant studies. This is a particularly serious problem, since Epirus is one of the European Union's poorest regions. Its terrain is largely mountainous and it has no railway lines or modern motorways. As a result, easy access for merchandise and tourism is only possible through air links.

Has the Commission asked for work on the airport in question to be speeded up? When will this work restart and when will it be finished? Why have the Greek authorities not yet resolved the problems relating to the abovementioned studies so that the work can be completed swiftly?