

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6096/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Situation with regard to the infringement procedure opened with regard to the underground routing of the M-30

As part of the infringement procedure opened with regard to the underground routing of the M-30 (Madrid, Madrid Autonomous Community, Spain), and in the light of the court rulings on the construction work (and specifically, the ruling handed down by the Madrid Administrative Disputes Court [Juzgado de lo Contencioso-Administrativo] declaring the work to be illegal), will the Commission please provide specific answers as soon as possible to the following:

1. How far has Madrid City Council complied with the undertakings it gave the Commission with regard to carrying out the appropriate environmental impact assessment on the already-constructed sections of the underground routing in question, and likewise on the further sections planned, in accordance with Directive 85/337/EEC¹?
2. Does the Commission believe that the environmental impact assessments carried out to date by Madrid City Council can replace the drawing-up of the environmental impact assessment required by the Directive?
3. What corrective and compensatory measures has Madrid City Council undertaken to implement, or is it currently implementing to reduce prejudice to humans and/or the environment as a result of the underground routing work in question, in the light of the environmental impact assessment (if it has been drawn up) or of the partial reports (if such exist)?
4. What checks has the Commission carried out to verify whether Madrid City Council has strictly complied with the undertakings it has given under the infringement procedure referred to above?
5. Has the European Investment Bank unblocked the loan requested by the Madrid City Council for the underground routing of the M-30 and suspended by the EIB on a proposal from the Commission, in the wake of the demonstrated failure of the City Council to comply with Community legislation?
6. Does the Commission believe that the City Council's so-called Proyecto Madrid-Río complies with the obligations laid down by current European law?

¹ OJ L 175, 5.7.1985, p. 40.