

WRITTEN QUESTION E-7006/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Funding of the A 14 motorway

The A 14 motorway is one of the most crucial projects in East Germany, particularly for the *Land* of Saxony-Anhalt. This project has come up for discussion again owing to a miscalculation and a resulting EUR 500 million shortfall in funding. In this connection I should like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. Is the A 14 to be co-financed out of the TEN-T budget or from ERDF appropriations?
2. Did Germany supply evidence of the availability of full funding for the overall A 14 project?
3. Are there any potential additional sources of funding should the money be insufficient?
4. Has final approval been given for the EUR 327 million from European funds currently under discussion for the A 14?
5. Can a project, once approved, be redefined as several part projects?
6. Must the appropriations from co-financing be drawn down separately for every section, or can all the money from EU funds be utilised first in order to honour settlement deadlines?
7. Would it theoretically be possible to use the funding for a four-lane non-motorway main road (*Bundesstrasse*) instead?