

**Question for written answer E-003415/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Impact of road infrastructure on residents, farmers and cyclists

Malta's proposed 'Central Link Project' will see an increase in road infrastructure in the centre of Malta. The project will be completed using the EU Cohesion Fund, whose investment priorities include preserving and protecting the environment, protecting and restoring soil and measures to improve environmentally friendly (including low-noise) transport systems.

Stakeholders who feel they will be impacted by the project, such as residents who live on affected roads, farmers who have land next to these roads and cyclists have raised various concerns about the project. These are centred around the fact that traffic and resulting emissions will be brought closer to their homes, extensive stretches of agricultural land will be taken over by roads and the safety of cyclists may be compromised. Furthermore it seems that no social or traffic impact assessments have been made. Moreover, stakeholders have claimed that they have not been consulted.

Does the Commission feel that the way this project is being proposed reflects the spirit and priorities of the Cohesion Fund and the Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) promoted by the Commission?