

**Question for written answer E-001522/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: No EIA for the construction of the second bridge over the River Tiber in Sansepolcro (Arezzo)

The so-called single programming document for 2017-2019 in Sansepolcro provides that the project relating to the second bridge over the River Tiber is, for the municipality, a one-off project costing EUR 4 million, of which EUR 3 million is to be financed by the Tuscany Region, through EU funds.

In examining the projects, it has been noted that the environmental impact assessment (EIA) has been artfully avoided not only because the area in which the work is to be carried out is not included in any special protection areas and/or sites of Community importance, but also because Annex 4 to the Environmental Code requires that infrastructure projects, including those relating to 'secondary rural roads', must be subject to EIA screening, under the responsibility of the Regions, while Annex 2 to Directive 337/1985 includes, among infrastructure projects subject to EIA, the 'construction of roads', meaning roads of all types; the same provision is repeated in Annex 2 to Directives 11/1997 and 92/2011.

The question therefore arises as to the lawfulness of EIA screening being limited to 'secondary rural roads' when, under EU legislation, EIAs should be carried out also for the 'construction of roads'.

Can the Commission therefore say:

- 1) whether it intends to take any action to oppose the decision of the municipality not to carry out an EIA, in breach of the above-mentioned directives?