Question for written answer E-002319/2019 to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Environmental impact of the road between Blanes and Lloret

In 2015, the Government of the Autonomous Community of Catalonia agreed to build a new road, at great cost, between the GI-600 and the towns of Blanes and Lloret. At the time this was very controversial, as we explained in a written question (P-006806/2016).

Four years on, and the planned construction works continue to cause controversy. The project will affect 50 hectares of Mediterranean forest and various water resources rich in biodiversity and in endangered species.

Following an appeal by the 'Aturem Ia C-32' ('Stop the C-32 motorway') pressure group, a precautionary suspension of the project was granted as it violates Article 21 of Law 16/2017 on climate change concerning new transport infrastructures. Incidentally, there are other public projects whose impact on the environment is considerably lower but which are yet to be allocated a budget.

In view of this project's harmful impact on the environment:

- (1) Is the Commission going to investigate?
- (2) Does the Commission believe that this project may violate Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment?

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