

**Question for written answer E-003586/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: Construction of a tunnel in the historic centre of Vigo

Vigo City Council is planning to build a tunnel in the old part of the city. The work is set to cost EUR 17 million and will prevent the creation of historical and cultural routes to encourage walking and cycling, as recommended by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) programme for sustainable growth.

The project will involve excavation works up to 8 metres deep and the construction of two huge ramps, 50 m and 70 m long respectively, deepening the existing fault line running through the old city. What is more, the significant likelihood of finding archaeological remains or undocumented ancient foundations is being ignored. It is equally worrying that the local authority has failed to comply with EU rules on the right of access to information and public consultation on the environmental impact of the project.

What view does the Commission take of the fact that this project, which is co-funded by the ERDF, will hamper the fight against climate change by increasing traffic and pollution in the city centre?