

**Question for written answer E-006590/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Inclusion of the Ioannina-Kakavia road section and the Patras-Pyrgos-Kalamata motorway in the European Recovery Fund

The Adriatic Road, an infrastructural project of major importance for Greece, Italy, Croatia and the Western Balkans, is projected to run through seven countries from Trieste to Kalamata. The completion of this single motorway is expected to give a significant boost to tourism, trade, investment and transport in many regions along its projected route turning Greece and the eastern Mediterranean corridor, into a major regional transport hub.

Much of the Adriatic Route has already been finished, with only a few sections in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro remaining to be completed, together with the Ionian Road extension to Kakavia (Ioannina-Kakavia) and the Patras-Pyrgos-Kalamata section in Greece.

A portion of the funding for the Adriatic Route is being made available by the EU. In view of this and given the cross-border dimension and the high European added value of the project for the Member States:

1. Can the Commission give an expected date of completion for the projected Balkan axis?
2. Could the above Greek sections of the Adriatic Road be directly included in the European Recovery Fund or in any other European funding instrument?