

**Question for written answer E-000079/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Réunion's new coast road

The Réunion Regional Council embarked several years ago on work to build a new coast road, as the current one is prone to rock falls from the cliff above and exposed to hurricanes and surging waves during heavy seas. A smoother flow of traffic and safer travel should be the outcome for the tens of thousands of professional and private users of this new highway that is so vital for Réunion.

Work on the project started in 2013 and was scheduled to take seven years. The European Union is providing part of the finance for the work through the ERDF – EUR 151 million – and a EUR 500 million loan from the European Investment Bank (i.e. EUR 650 million in total from the EU out of the total investment of EUR 1.6 billion).

Work on the road, currently almost at a standstill, has fallen seriously behind schedule, which obviously affects its financing.

1. Can the Commission provide details of the amounts already disbursed by the European Union for construction of this road?
2. Does the Commission have any information on when work will recommence and its likely completion date?