

**Question for written answer E-004011/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Improvements to 'Jonica' Highway SS 106, particularly in terms of road safety

Over the last few days alone, three people, including a child, have been killed in road accidents in Calabria occurring along the 'Jonica' SS 106 state highway, which has earned itself the unenviable reputation as the 'road of death' because of a series of accidents that have claimed hundreds of lives in recent years.

The SS 106 runs from Taranto to Reggio Calabria, a total distance of 491 kilometres across Apulia, Basilicata and Calabria, providing a vital channel of communication for these areas. It is therefore essential for the development of southern Italy and the potential offered by its Mediterranean environment that this infrastructure be upgraded and improved, particularly in terms of road safety.

However, the Italian Government has thus far refused to make more than a token investment or take any action under the National Recovery and Resilience Programme to remedy this major threat to public safety or improve inadequate infrastructures.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say what EU resources are being sought by the Italian Government for the necessary improvements to the SS 106 highway, particularly in terms of road safety?
2. Does it consider the inclusion of the entire SS 106 road section in the TEN-T project to be a possible solution?