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to the Commission**

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Subject: Cargo airport in Parma

The project to extend Parma's small airport to accommodate cargo aircraft is senseless, dangerous and full of obscurities. It also risks disrupting the city's urban fabric and will use up a total of EUR 12 million in EU funding, allocated to the Emilia-Romagna region for sustainable mobility (Development and Cohesion Fund 2014-2020).

Setting up a cargo airport in Parma (one of Europe's most polluted cities) is not environmentally sustainable or a good investment. The terminal will, however, take up a lot of land. The project documentation is also incomplete and shows substantial flaws (EIA, airport risk plan, etc.).

The fact that there are four major airports within a 100-km radius – Linate, Orio al Serio, Bologna and Verona – makes it all the more pointless and off-market. Parma airport has always run at a loss (over EUR 50 million in the last 13 years). Meini Bank, which is under investigation for money laundering and had its licence revoked by the ECB in 2019, owns 30% of the business.

Does the Commission consider the use of EU funds intended for sustainable mobility on such a project to be appropriate considering the land it will take up, the dangerous location and the fact that there are other airports nearby?

Can it check that the project documentation and environmental impact assessment for Parma meet EU standards?

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