

**Question for written answer E-000718/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Breaches of EU directives in the construction of the Osojnik-Dubrovnik Airport motorway

As an EU Member State, Croatia is obliged to comply with EU legislation on the protection of the environment, wildlife (especially endemic species) and Natura 2000 protected areas. The 'Save Ombla and its inhabitants' civic initiative (*Spasimo Omblu i njezine stanovnike*) has contacted me with information suggesting that the construction of the Osojnik-Dubrovnik Airport motorway directly breaches EU legislation. Given this:

1. Has the Commission financed any road projects in Croatia since 2019, and if so which ones?
2. Did Hrvatske ceste d.o.o. and/or Dubrovnik-Neretva County contact the Commission about the Osojnik-Dubrovnik Airport motorway project?
3. Is the Commission aware that the planned route runs along the entire length of the highly scenic Rijeka Dubrovačka inlet and that the road viaduct will cross the source of the river Ombla, which lies within the Paleoombla-Ombla Natura 2000 site?

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