

**Question for written answer E-002117/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Revitalising Reggio Calabria Airport as strategic infrastructure within the TEN-T Network

Reggio Calabria Airport is a vital component in establishing strategic infrastructure which, as provided for in the TEN-T (Trans-European Transport Network) policy, will be part of a comprehensive, integrated and multimodal network of land, sea and air transport links in this area, which is located at the centre of the Mediterranean and is part of the Scandinavian-Mediterranean corridor – a Core Network running all the way to Sicily. The Commission has already committed to including the planned Strait of Messina Bridge linking Calabria and Sicily and the whole of State Highway 106, which runs to Reggio Calabria, in the TEN-T Comprehensive Network.

However, in recent years, Reggio Calabria Airport has been repeatedly downgraded because, since the above-mentioned project has not come to fruition, it is regarded as a secondary airport, and one serving only the province of Reggio Calabria rather than the entire Strait of Messina area, which covers both southern Calabria and eastern Sicily.

In the light of the above:

does the Commission not believe that Reggio Calabria Airport needs to be upgraded, and how does it view the possibility of it reverting to managing itself – rather than being managed through Lamezia Terme Airport – so that plans can be made to revitalise and develop it as part of the TEN-T Network?

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