

**Question for written answer E-000521/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Chamusca bridge and solutions available

The Dr João Joaquim Isidro dos Reis bridge, known as the Chamusca bridge, in Portugal, is an important road link in the Santarém region. It is particularly important for Chamusca and Golegã and is the only road crossing for local residents and the numerous businesses operating in the area.

The bridge dates back to 1909 and the carriageway is narrow, a situation that is not helped by the growing number of heavy goods vehicles which use it. It also has serious structural issues, including a broken arch and a road surface that is unable to withstand changes in the weather. All those who use the bridge face safety and transport issues as a result.

Alternative routes and a renovated Chamusca bridge are sorely needed by local residents and businesses.

1. Is the Commission aware of any submitted project designed to renovate the bridge and create alternatives, including by responding to local residents' requests for a completed IC3 route linking Almeirim and Vila Nova da Barquinha via a new bridge? If so, what is the status of the project(s)?
2. What EU funds could be used for those works and what are the conditions for using them?

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