

**Question for written answer E-001100/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Unsustainable project to upgrade the SS45 and lack of public consultation

The ongoing project to upgrade the SS45 trunk road in Valtrebbia has met with strong opposition from the public and local authorities as a result both of the inconvenience caused and of the lack of any public consultation, a measure advocated in Commission Recommendation (EU) 2023/2836 of 12 December 2023. The project has also been modified since it was approved in 2017, and it is currently expected to cost EUR 230 million. The current project includes as many as seven roundabouts along only 11 km and seriously diverges from the DNSH principle: countless tons of asphalt and concrete are to be laid for no reason, and the endless roadworks could bring businesses to their knees and have commuters tearing their hair out. Upgrading the existing road, to supplement other renovation work already carried out, is not the problem; the issue is the nature of this project and its blithe disregard for the area and its inhabitants.

This violation of the DNSH principle, the failure to listen to the public and the senselessly inflated project costs constitute a breach of EU rules. Does the Commission not think it should request clarification from Italy on this project?

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