

ORAL QUESTION H-0250/07

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pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Council

Subject: Building motorways and water reservoirs

Motorway building is of particular importance to the development of communications links and economic growth in eastern European countries. The building of water reservoirs is justified by the climate changes that are under way, which call for much-needed water resources to be collected and protection to be provided against flooding; reservoirs can also be used for clean, environment-friendly energy production.

The building of motorways, which, from a long-term viewpoint, is an environment-friendly exercise of essential importance to society and the economy, leads to lower fuel consumption, greater safety and better environmental conditions in cities, towns and villages through which roads currently run. Despite this, it is a target for attacks by people who are not directly affected by the current state of affairs, and protests take place only once a start has already been made on implementing such projects.

How does the Council view the possibilities of routing and building future road corridors while avoiding protests by ecologists based on the exploitation of existing legal provisions?

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