

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0015/07  
pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Alexandra Dobolyi, on behalf of the PSE Group  
to the Commission

Subject: Via Baltica

Can the Commission confirm that despite the initiation of infringement proceedings against Poland in December 2006, the Polish authorities have given the go-ahead to the construction of the Via Baltica through the Rospuda Valley in the Augustow Primeval Forest Natura 2000 site?

Does the Commission agree, given the on-going infringement proceedings and the many petitions (including petition 350/2006) received by the European Parliament from European citizens and associations concerned that this project is potentially in violation of the Birds and Habitats Directives, that pending the outcome of the infringement proceedings, construction works for this project should be suspended until it is clearly established that Poland is not in breach of the said Directives?

What concrete actions will the Commission urgently take to ensure Poland respects her EU obligations when it comes to the Via Baltica project?

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