

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1802/08
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to the Commission

Subject: 'Corridor 8 Secretariat' activities

In the Commission's reply of 13 December 2007 to Question E-5277/07 it is stated that Corridor 8 is a Commission priority, that the Secretariat (funded by the Italian Government) is operating in an entirely satisfactory fashion and that the Secretariat was coordinating a pre-feasibility study (due to be completed by the end of 2007) on the development of the rail link.

Direct contact with the Secretariat has revealed that the latter has resumed operations only within the last 45 days.

Will the Commission answer the following questions?

1. How does the Commission justify its official statements praising the work of the Secretariat at a time when the latter was idle?
2. Why does it describe the Italian Government's funding activities as satisfactory if the Secretariat's lengthy and confirmed period of inactivity was caused precisely by the Prodi administration's failure to provide funding?
3. How is possible that the Commission has not been properly informed of the progress of the Secretariat's activities and is not aware of the fact that work on the pre-feasibility study (which the Commission had said was about to be published) 'appears' to have been resumed only in the last few days?
4. How many projects has the Secretariat recently submitted and on what date were they presented?