

**Question for written answer P-004426/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Deva-Orăştie ring road

The Deva-Orăştie motorway bypass was completed in 2013 with ISPA funding provided by the EU. While it has improved traffic flows, it has a structural shortcoming, making no provision for a relief road for traffic using the road into Hunedoara, the second largest municipality in the county, which is no longer has a rail service following closure of the station this year.

Given that the project is failing ease local traffic flows sufficiently, consideration is being given to the provision of another relief road and an interchange in the Sântuhalm area.

The Romanian authorities have been providing the public with contradictory information, initially stating that the project was not feasible given the risk of forfeiting EU funding, since the motorway was still under construction. The Transport Minister has subsequently announced that the interchange could in fact be built with EU funding.

1. Has the Commission been informed by the Romanian authorities of the projected Sântuhalm interchange for the diversion of traffic flows onto the Deva-Orăştie bypass?
2. Is this project eligible for cohesion fund assistance and, if so, under what conditions?