

**Question for written answer P-006002/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Environmental impact assessments without public participation for nine TEN-T projects

The binding Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive requires public participation during the EIA process.

In the Czech Republic, the EIA process is finalised when a competent authority issues an environmental impact statement. In the case of roads in the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T), this is the responsibility of the Ministry of the Environment. In a press release¹ the ministry confirmed that it had issued statements for nine TEN-T projects. However, no public participation was permitted. The press release states that an exemption was negotiated with the Commission.

With reference to the Commission's answers to Written Questions P-006000/2016 and P-008563/2016:

Are EIA statements issued without public participation during the EIA process compliant with EU Law?

Do the aforementioned nine TEN-T projects meet the requirement laid down in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013?

¹ https://www.mzp.cz/cz/news_170210_devata_prioritni_EIA