

**Priority question for written answer P-000583/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Road projects

1. Will the Commission say whether a national authority, in connection with an environmental impact assessment (EIA) for a specific road project where mitigation measures are to be taken, is obliged to carry out an EIA relating to alternative routes, a case in point being the motorway link on highway 54 between Næstved and Rønnede in Denmark?
2. Will the Commission say whether it would be consistent with the EU's EIA Directive, Habitats Directive and Water Framework Directive for a policy decision to be taken to select one of several possible identified routes before the necessary studies, including impact assessments, had been carried out under those directives? Highway 54 between Næstved and Rønnede in Denmark is a case in point.
3. Will the Commission say whether its answer to the above would be different if, when the policy decision was taken, it was known that the route selected would have a negative impact on protected species and their habitats, as well as on a nearby Natura 2000 site and associated watercourses? Highway 54 between Næstved and Rønnede in Denmark is a case in point.

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