

Question for written answer E-003622/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Compliance of the Apollonio-Socrepes cableway project with EU environmental, procurement and hydrogeological risk management directives

The Apollonio-Socrepes cableway in the province of Belluno is a public-private partnership (PPP) project¹ forming part of the works for the Milan-Cortina 2026 Olympics. The project is located in P2-P3 risk area, of relevance under the Floods Directive,² and has been issued a negative SEA opinion³ due to the risk of landslides and geological instability. Nevertheless, the Veneto Regional Technical Committee approved the EIA,⁴ provided that measures were taken to mitigate the hydro-geological risk.

The matter is the subject of complaints, and in October the Lazio Regional Administrative Court will rule on an appeal on geological security and procedural issues.

The contracts for the works were awarded through a negotiated procedure after the failure of a public call for tenders, in which the lead operators did not participate owing to project design doubts and time constraints. This raises doubts over the project's compliance with EU legislation,⁵ which only permits negotiated procedures in exceptional cases. The Commission has already warned Italy over its excessive use of negotiated procedures⁶.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the project approval and implementation procedure in line with the SEA, EIA and Floods Directives, and with the precautionary principle?⁷
2. Do the approval procedure and the geological research and risk mitigation measures meet the EU minimum standards for EIAs?
3. Is the use of the negotiated procedure in line with that Directive and also consonant with the previous complaints lodged on that subject?

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¹ Proposal for a Public Private Partnership.

² Directive 2007/60/EC (Floods Directive)

³ Directive 2001/42/EC (SEA Directive)

⁴ Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (EIA Directive).

⁵ Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement;

⁶ Letters of formal notice of 2019 and 2022.

⁷ Article 191 TFEU