

**Question for written answer E-003754/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Possible breach of EU law in the ACD Engaña construction project – improvements to the former trackbed and construction of a shared bicycle and pedestrian path to provide access to Engaña tunnel

According to information on the Spanish public service procurement platform, the Cantabrian Government launched a tender process for the ACD Engaña construction project with a budget of more than EUR 3.7 million, financed by the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan. The project consists of adapting the former rail line's trackbed for use by vehicles and pedestrians, and includes ducts for the future Mirador del Pas cable car. The documentation describes it as an instrumental phase of the cable car project (expired 2014 environmental impact declaration) and envisages additional impact on the Pas valley, which adjoins the Natura 2000 network. The cable car would provide access to approximately 130 000 visitors per year. No environmental impact assessment (EIA), impact assessment under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive or consultation of the environmental body has been carried out, despite the foreseeable impact. What is more, the urgent procedure shortened the time available for participation when there was no objective need to do so.

1. Will the Commission ask the Spanish authorities for explanation regarding the lack of EIA and an assessment of the impact on the Natura 2000 network in Engaña?
2. Does the Commission consider that the zoning (access path and cable car) is in breach of Directive 2011/92/EU?
3. What measures will the Commission take to ensure that NextGenerationEU-funded projects comply with the DNSH principle, the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive and avoid funding going to projects that are at odds with EU legislation?

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