

**Question for written answer E-004399/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Cable cars as a means of transport for mountainous areas

Although extreme terrain and mountainous areas are found in Greece's landscape, the use of cable cars as a means of transport remains limited – unlike in countries such as Germany, where dozens such installations are operating in both mountainous and urban areas. In Germany, cable cars have been developed thanks to local industry know-how, stable financing of projects by federal state governments and municipalities, as well as a wider culture of using sustainable public transport. On the contrary, projects of this type in Greece face significant obstacles, such as a lack of technical support, slow permitting procedures and a limited use of European funds.

Given that the installation of cable cars could enhance sustainable mobility, reduce CO₂ emissions and contribute to tourism development, while limiting the need to build roads that often remain underused, can the Commission say:

1. Are there European programmes (such as the ERDF, the Cohesion Fund or InvestEU) that can finance such projects in Greece?
2. How could regions and municipalities, as local and regional authorities, use these instruments to study, develop and implement projects involving the installation of cable cars in mountainous or urban areas with sustainable mobility needs?
3. Is there a European framework for the transfer of best practices and know-how from Member States with experience in installing cable cars to other states wishing to adopt such solutions?

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