

Question for written answer E-000614/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Landslide on the Ionian motorway – safety of European infrastructure, concessionaire responsibilities and government oversight

The recent landslide on the Ionian motorway between Arta and Aetolia-Acarnania has suspended traffic on a critical road in Western Greece, affecting the safety of citizens and the local economy.

The motorway operates under a concession contract, with the concessionaire responsible for assessments, maintenance and safety, and is part of a European transport network that has received funding from the EU.

Despite the seriousness of the incident, there has been no clear public information regarding the possible liability of or sanctions against the concessionaire, nor have any measures been taken to protect users, such as suspending tolls on sections that remain closed. This attitude raises questions about the adequacy of assessments, the resilience of infrastructure against extreme weather events and the effectiveness of state oversight.

In similar cases in the past, the concessionaire was sanctioned and tolls were suspended in order to protect citizens.

Can the Commission answer the following:

1. Given that the Ionian motorway has been co-financed by EU funds, what control and oversight mechanisms are provided for at EU level to ensure the safety, maintenance and resilience of such critical infrastructure?
2. Does it intend to investigate whether European safety, resilience and oversight standards have been met in this specific case?
3. What obligations do Member States and concessionaires have to protect users, including regarding the financial burden presented by tolls, when critical infrastructure is taken out of service due to natural disasters or technical problems?

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