

**Question for written answer E-001254/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Operation of tunnels on the Egnatia Odos motorway and toll collection despite traffic restrictions

According to complaints from citizens and petitions and complaints lodged by users of the Egnatia Odos with the Hellenic Competition Commission, after the motorway was taken over by a private concessionaire a series of tunnels along the Igoumenitsa-Panagia section were simultaneously reduced to a single lane back in 2026 and have remained so ever since.

This section, which is approximately 123 kilometres long, has numerous long twin tunnels spanning more than 33 kilometres in total. The single lane system applies to the entire length of the tunnels as well as to sections before them, involving traffic and vehicle speed restrictions.

Meanwhile, motorway users continue to be charged full toll fees, raising questions about whether the price is proportional to the service provided and about whether this practice complies with EU law.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Is the extensive and simultaneous reduction of motorway tunnels to single lane traffic for the purposes of performing checks and improving safety compatible with the European tunnel safety framework and the law on trans-European transport?
2. Has it examined or does it intend to examine whether these measures affect road safety or compliance with European requirements for the operation of road infrastructure?
3. Is the continued collection of full toll fees compatible with EU competition law and the principle of proportionality when there are significant traffic restrictions resulting from technical measures or interventions?

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