

**Question for written answer E-001395/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Suspension of the Diakopto-Kalavryta Rack Railway

The Greek Government recently suspended the operation of the Diakopto-Kalavryta Rack Railway, 130 years after its commencement. This specific choice raises serious issues of compliance with the European acquis for transport safety, the resilience of infrastructure and the protection of areas of high environmental value.

Despite the recording of several incidences of landslides, especially after the fires of 2023, and related scientific warnings, no plan for anti-corrosion protection and reinforcing the line has been implemented, while a multitude of technical failures and serious safety incidents have been recorded.

The complete suspension of the Odontotos railway, without a clear timetable for its restoration and without making use of existing studies and European funds, creates risks of obsolescence of this investment and significantly burdens the local economy, tourism and social cohesion.

In view of the above:

1. How does the Commission assess Greece's compliance with its European obligations for rail transport safety and infrastructure resilience, given the complete suspension of a transport infrastructure co-financed by the EU in an economically vulnerable mountainous region without a clear restoration plan?
2. How does the Commission ensure that the European funds, amounting to approximately EUR 45 million, spent on the upgrade of the line do not go to waste due to inadequate maintenance and risk management?
3. Given that the area falls under the NATURA 2000 regime, are the obligations of prevention, restoration and protection against natural hazards affecting critical infrastructures considered to have been met?

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