

**Question for written answer E-002779/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Illegal implementation of the cable car construction project on the archaeological site of Monemvasia without a building permit and funded by the RRF

In the context of cooperation between the Municipality of Monemvasia, the Region of Peloponnese and the Greek Ministry of Culture, construction works are being carried out to install a cable car at Monemvasia Castle, an archaeological site and a potential UNESCO cultural heritage site, with a budget of EUR 6 800 360 from the Recovery and Resilience Fund. However, the project is being carried out amid serious arbitrariness and irregularities, including the failure to publish a geological stability study, the failure to issue the required building permit for the construction of the station and the accompanying infrastructure of the cable car, and the lack of adequate explanations from the competent urban planning department. The above-mentioned shortcomings are at odds with Directive 2011/92/EU on environmental impact assessment (EIA), European legislation on the protection of cultural heritage, as well as EU funding eligibility rules.

With this in mind, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Is it aware that the project is being carried out without the required planning permits, approved geological studies and using methods (rock excavation) that contradict the original approvals?
2. Does the start of construction of a public building on a national road and within an archaeological zone, without a building permit, constitute a breach of EU environmental standards and the principles of the rule of law?
3. Given that the project is financed by the RRF with a strict deadline for completion in September 2026, does the Commission intend to check the legality of the disbursement of funds due to a breach of sound financial management rules and, if applicable, suspend the relevant funding as a precautionary measure?

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