

Question for written answer E-003677/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Egnatia motorway: full toll fees are being charged despite limited operation of tunnels

According to reports and public statements, the tunnel safety certification required under EU law has not been completed for a significant number of tunnels longer than 500 metres along the Egnatia motorway. This is resulting in the introduction of traffic control measures, lane restrictions and two-way traffic in twin-tube tunnels, as well as causing delays¹². The problem seems to be mainly in parts of Western Macedonia and Epirus, such as Kastania, the Metsovo area and the section after Ioannina, going towards Igoumenitsa³.

Egnatia is a key part of the trans-European road network and a great deal of national and EU funding has gone into it. Despite this, drivers are paying toll fees to use a motorway that is not fully functional at certain critical points and tunnels are an essential part of the service covered by toll fees.

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

1. Has it asked the Greek authorities for a complete list of tunnels along the Egnatia motorway that do not meet the requirements of Directive 2004/54/EC⁴, along with a binding timetable for compliance?
2. How does it view the fact that full toll fees are being charged while key sections of the motorway are operating with limited capacity or two-way traffic arrangements?
3. Will it look into whether the situation calls for temporary toll fee reductions, transparency towards users and remedial measures until tunnels are fully certified?

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¹ <https://myportal.gr/kleistes-siragges-tha-diarkesei-chronia-i-talaiporia-ton-odigon-stin-egnatia-odo/>.

² <https://www.epiruspost.gr/egnatia-odos-amfidromisi-stis-siragg/>.

³ <https://www.newmoney.gr/roh/palmos-oikonomias/epixeiriseis/metafora-epikindinon-fortion-stin-egnatia-schedio-gek-terna-gia-tetraoro-nichterino-apoklismo-ton-i-ch-mechri-na-pistopiithoun-ta-tounel/>.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2004/54/oj>.