Priority question for written answer P-003284/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Decision of the Italian Court of Auditors on the project for the bridge across the Strait of Messina

By means of Decree-Law No 35 of 31 March 2023 on 'Urgent provisions for the construction of a permanent link between Sicily and Calabria', the Italian Government has sought to restart the process of building the bridge across the Strait of Messina, despite strong criticism on both environmental and structural grounds.

In accordance with the relevant legislative provisions, this Decree-Law was submitted for approval by the Interministerial Committee for Economic Planning and Sustainable Development (CIPESS), which approved it through Resolution No 41 of 6 August 2025.

By means of Resolution No SCCLEG/19/2025/PREV, issued following its session on 29 October 2025, the Central Section for Review of the Legality of Acts of the Government and Public Administrations within the Italian Court of Auditors refused to approve and consequently register CIPESS Resolution No 41/2025, on the grounds that it was in conflict with the law.

In the light of the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the procedure relating to the application of Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Article 72 of Directive 2014/24/EU in respect of this project?

2. What steps has the Commission taken, and what steps will it take in future, on this issue, and what discussions have taken place between the Commission and the Italian Government in this regard?

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