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Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The road section in question is not part of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) as specified in Regulation (EU) 2024/1679 of 13 June 2024¹. The definition of the TEN-T network is the result of interinstitutional negotiations and has been agreed upon with each Member State.

The Regulation does not allow for an inclusion of new road sections into the TEN-T network at this stage. Article 63 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1679 contains a review clause that foresees that the Commission shall evaluate in consultation with the Member States by 2033, whether the extended core network and the comprehensive network should be modified to take into account developments in transport flows and national investment planning.

2. One of the key objectives of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) is to complete the TEN-T network. Since the road in question is not located on the TEN-T network, it is not eligible for CEF funding.

Cohesion policy for transport focuses also on completion the TEN-T network. Moreover, Cohesion Policy funding is only possible if the road is included in the regional transport plans which is not the case of the road in question.

3. The Commission undertakes studies for all European Transport Corridors in view of analysing the compliance of the corridors with the TEN-T requirements. However, these studies do not include an analysis of non-TEN-T sections. The Commission does not intend to conduct studies aiming at the revision of the alignment of the European Transport Corridors as they have just been established. Any up-to-date national studies at the time of the review process might inform and help the Commission to evaluate the network.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R1679>