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Answer given by Ms Roswall
on behalf of the European Commission
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The complaint mentioned by the Honourable Members concerns France's alleged breach of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive¹ through the failure of the French authorities and courts to take full account of the impacts of road projects on climate change.

As regards the A69 motorway project, which is mentioned as an example in the complaint and which is referred to by the Honourable Members, the Commission recalls that it has been subject to several court cases and administrative proceedings in France and that the main court case is now pending before the Council of State (Conseil d'Etat), the French supreme administrative court.

The complaint is being examined by the Commission services. The complainant has already received an acknowledgement of receipt and will be informed of the next steps.

In its role as guardian of the Treaties, the Commission monitors the application of EU law and may decide to take appropriate action, in line with its enforcement priorities².

¹ Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, OJ L 26, 28.1.2012, p. 1-21.

² Communication from the Commission - EU law: Better results through better application, OJ C 18, 19.1.2017, p. 10–20, and Communication from the Commission - Enforcing EU law for a Europe that delivers, 13.10.2022, COM(2022) 518 final.