

**Question for written answer E-015821/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Revision of the MOREA motorway contract

The Greek government is once again seeking to revise the existing contract in an additional operating grant for the project 'Corinth-Tripoli-Kalamata Motorway, Lefktro-Sparta branch' worth EUR 330 million in the light of the expected reduction in toll revenue and operating costs (!).

The project was launched with a lump sum of EUR 847 million for construction. EUR 1.44 billion has already been taken up and the project has not yet been completed (!). It should be pointed out that the operating costs of the motorway are subsidised and the subsidy began in 2010 (at a very early stage of construction).

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Can it describe the progress made by the project so far and related funding (EU funding, national funding, from EIB loan guarantees, toll revenue and its own declared contribution)? Can it compare this with the state of advancement of construction work on the project to date?
2. Has the revision of the contract been submitted to DG Competition, as provided for in the rules on State aid? How does it view the terms of the revised contract relating to an additional grant of EUR 330 million inter alia for operating expenses (without these expenses having been approved by the government), to the VAT to be borne by the State and to the need for the balance of the State's financial contribution (EUR 51 million) to be paid before the project is completed?