

Question for written answer E-015883/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: EU-funded projects in Slovakia

The project for the modernisation of the railway line between Žilina and Košice is being prepared in Slovakia with financial assistance from the Union. Modernisation of this line is needed and can contribute to improving the quality of life of the population.

The choice of variant for the modernisation of the section between Liptovský Mikuláš and Poprad Tatry has been left to the town of Liptovský Mikuláš. The final variant published by the town in July 2015 is for several reasons very controversial. Citizens support the less costly option, which is functionally identical to the controversial variant, is less of a burden on the environment and does not have a significant impact on the existing infrastructure of the town. The controversial variant envisages, inter alia, the destruction of part of the cycle path whose completion in 2014 was also co-financed from EU funds under a joint project between Slovakia and Poland. The town has already publicly stated its intention to lease the land on which the cycle path runs to a builder, without among other things disclosing the rental price.

Should the Commission be, and was it, informed of this fact by the Slovak Republic?

Is the prior agreement of the Union necessary before work on implementing a project which it is funding can be started?

Is it possible, and efficient, for the result of a project financed from Union funds and completed in 2014 to be damaged or indeed destroyed by work on another project funded by the EU in 2016?