

Dear Sir,

we are contacting you as the representatives of the regional and municipal government of the Zlín Region (mayors of the regional capital Zlín and important industrial municipality Otrokovice), located in eastern part of the Czech republic. Our municipalities are located on the national road #49 respectively national road #55, which both has, due to the reached traffic volumes and based on the Transport sector strategy of the Czech Republic, to be replaced by the new motorways, which both are part of future TEN-T network. The motorway R49 should become an important part of core network TEN/T on axis west / east as a part of the Rhine-Danube corridor. The motorway R55 should become an important part of the Baltic – Adriatic corridor. The construction of both motorways has been planned for many years and some parts have been already constructed. E. g. the part of the motorway D1/R55 from Brno to Otrokovice (where it currently ends) is in operation since 2010.

The reason why we are writing to you is, that we heard, that there is an uncertainty at DG ENV services about the pre-accession EIA statements issued for such parts of transport infrastructure, which were elaborated before the Czech Republic accession to EU. This is also the case of the few parts of motorway R49 and R55. Even though some parts in preparation process has newer statements based on the Act 100/2001 Coll., there are as well the statements for currently most important parts (Otrokovice bypass and Zlín bypass) which were issued based on the pre-accession law – Act 244/1992 Coll.

We as the below signed representatives of the Zlín Region and the mayors of the municipalities along the mentioned roads are in everyday contact with our residents and we have to explain them all the time why the motorway is still not under construction. There are many vehicles, with high portion of heavy lorries, passing through the central parts of our municipalities.

We would like to mention that the original EIA statements has been prepared for the zoning permits. Currently the both constructions Otrokovice bypass (R55) and Zlín bypass (R49) have zoning permits in force, and nearly all the land is owned by Road and motorway directorate on both construction sites. The main remaining issue is the verification and coherence stamp for those constructions, based on the new EIA Act as amended by the Act 39/2015 Coll. After that, if those procedures will be finished, the building permit procedure can continue. We have all the necessary actual documents concerning the environment issues needed for verification and coherence check procedure.

For us who are representing the public interest of citizens of our region and its municipalities, repeating of the EIA process doesn't make any sense. We have detailed information about the prepared bypass projects and for many years we try to support (on national and European level) the start of their realization as soon as possible. We believe, that the protection of the environment, you are responsible for in the European Commission, is and will be fully respected in the phase of preparation and realization of those projects.

We cannot accept the argumentation of DG ENV we heard about (the necessity to repeat the EIA process), as we believe that all the necessities raising from the EIA directive can be fully fulfilled in the building permits procedure. This procedure is currently in preparation phase, based on the amended Act 39/2015 Coll. If you are considering the argumentation of the Czech Republic regarding this issue, please, take also into account the situation of the people, who are living along the currently overcrowded roads.

Thank you for understanding.

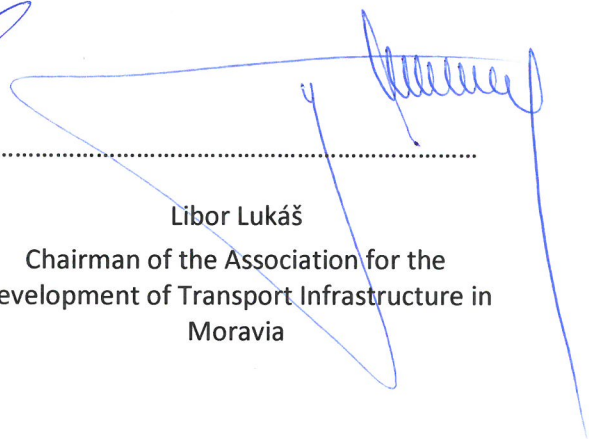
With kind regards

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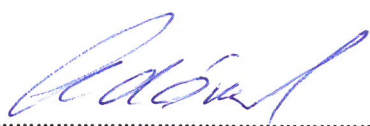
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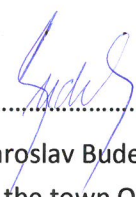
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