

**Question for written answer E-001937/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Madrid-Lisbon high-speed rail link

In August 2024, the Spanish Ministry of Transport pledged to map out the route that the Madrid-Badajoz-Lisbon high-speed rail link would take through the province of Toledo. However, the Spanish Government is still dragging its feet over this decision, jeopardising the 2030 completion deadline set by the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) for this railway.

And Spain is not the only country affected. Portugal will also be impacted, given that this high-speed railway line is a key border crossing between Madrid and Lisbon that would boost regional development and combat depopulation. Not to mention that both countries are hosting the 2030 FIFA World Cup.

Due to the Spanish Government's lack of commitment and given that this railway line is part of the TEN-T core network, there is a need for EU-level action.

In view of the above:

1. What mechanisms does the Commission have at its disposal to enforce the deadlines for implementing the TEN-T?
2. Has the Spanish Government informed the Commission of its timeline for completing the Madrid-Lisbon high-speed railway?
3. Does the Commission think that the deadlines will be met?

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