

**Question for written answer E-000820/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Ability of passengers and workers to request independent expert's opinion on state of public transport

The derailments and train collisions at Tempi in the Greek regional unit of Larissa and in Adamuz in the Spanish province of Córdoba, demonstrate that the existing framework of preventive safety measures is not sufficient to avoid such tragedies, even though there had been warning signs, which unfortunately were overlooked.

Similar red flags have been raised from time to time for other means of public transport too, for instance the repeated technical failures in the air navigation systems of the Greek Civil Aviation Authority.

Given that, under Article 90 TEU, the Commission can put forward legislative initiatives on transport safety policies in the EU, as has repeatedly been the case with Regulations (EU) 2021/782, (EC) 261/2004, (EU) 1177/2010 and (EU) 181/2011, can the Commission answer the following:

Is it prepared to establish provisions whereby passengers and public transport workers would be entitled, under certain conditions, to request an independent, non-state expert's opinion for the purpose of assessing safety risks and informing European passengers whenever there are worrying signs of infrastructure failure or inadequate staff training that endanger the lives or safety of passengers and workers?

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