

**Question for written answer E-001379/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Safety of rail transport and reopening the Diakopto-Kalavryta rack railway

Safety of public transport – and rail operation and interoperability in particular – is a key obligation for Member States under the current EU regulatory framework (Directives (EU) 2016/798¹ and 2016/797, and Regulation (EU) 2016/796).

The recent sudden suspension of the historic Diakopto-Kalavryta railway, despite its increased passenger use and importance for the local economy and tourism², raises concerns about the adequacy of maintenance, risk prevention and overall network management, as well as about wider operational weaknesses, as set out in the Common Safety Methods (CSMs)³.

In light of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. How does it assess the Member States' implementation of the European framework for railway safety, primarily as regards maintenance, but also risk prevention (Articles 4 and 9 of Directive (EU) 2016/798)?
2. What EU oversight mechanisms ensure that infrastructure remains technically up to date, in order to prevent service disruptions or suspensions?
3. What steps will it take to rapidly restore and modernise infrastructure of particular local and touristic importance, such as the railway line in question?

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¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2016/798/oj/eng>

² https://pelop.gr/na-sfyrixei-kai-pali-to-treno-sfodres-antidraseis-apo-foreis-gia-to-xafniko-louketo-ston-odontoto/#goog_rewarded

³ <https://www.transport-community.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/ERA-presentation-Legislation-applicable-to-TDG-Railway-services-TCT-Rail-TC.pdf>