

**Question for written answer E-003144/2026**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Rail safety in Greece and delays in the operation of the ETCS system

During a committee hearing in the Greek Parliament, the CEO of the Hellenic Railways Organisation (OSE) revealed that the centralised traffic control and automatic braking system, ETCS, is not yet operational anywhere along the Greek railway network, despite the Prime Minister's announcements in April 2025 that it would be operational by September 2025 at the latest.

It is worth remembering that the first contract for the installation of the ETCS system was signed in 2014 and the installation should have been completed by 2016. As acknowledged by the special committee set up to investigate the Tempi train crash in 2023, if the system had been operational, the collision of the two trains would have been avoided.

Since the installation of the ETCS was financed by the European Union, and its operation is an essential prerequisite for transport safety, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Has the Greek Government informed the Commission about when the ETCS system is expected to operate properly and fully, and has it provided an explanation for the three-year delay following the Tempi tragedy and the constant government announcements?
2. Is Greece meeting its rail safety obligations even though the ETCS is not operational?
3. What measures will the Commission take to ensure the safety of rail transport in Greece?

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