

**Question for written answer E-003555/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Spain's violation of Regulations (EU) 2021/1153 and (EU) 2024/1679 in the core railway network in Asturias

The railway between Gijón, Oviedo, Pola de Lena and León is part of the trans-European transport network's Atlantic Corridor. The Spanish Government is undertaking works on the Pola de Lena-Oviedo and Oviedo-Gijón sections, as well as on the line that passes through Villabona. However, those works are essentially designed to improve the C-1 Cercanías suburban line and do not meet the requirements laid down for the corridor in Regulations (EU) 2021/1153 and (EU) 2024/1679.

The consultations on information studies, projects and calls for tenders currently being pursued do not comply with fundamental aspects of the requirements for the core network laid down in Articles 16 to 20 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1679. Instead, they appear to be in line with the standards specific to the comprehensive network that are established in Article 15 of the regulation. The plans mean that, in practice, the railway section in question will be excluded from the European core network and, therefore, from the Atlantic Corridor.

Furthermore, the plans do not adequately address the needs of freight traffic and the connections with Asturian ports and the Zalia logistics centre.

In view of the above:

In the Commission's opinion, will the works planned by Spain ensure that the León-Gijón railway line fulfils, by the established deadlines, the requirements applicable to the core network under Regulations (EU) 2021/1153 and (EU) 2024/1679 and, if not, does it intend to require Spain to meet those requirements?

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