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The Commission agrees that good connectivity and access to a well-functioning and sustainable transport system is key for regional development, for fostering economic, social, and territorial cohesion, and for the quality of life of EU citizens, including better rural-urban connectivity. Connectivity is one of the main objectives of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) policy aimed at the creation of an EU wide, multimodal network of transport connections built in compliance with commonly agreed infrastructure standards.

The road between Toulouse and Castres is not part of the TEN-T network. The planning and decisions on possible investments remain within the national competence.

EU cohesion policy may play an important role in the matter questioned. However, the investment strategy of the Occitanie regional programme as proposed by the region and adopted by the Commission does not foresee funding for transport infrastructure under Policy Objective 3 'A more connected Europe'. It can still be noted that the region has allocated EUR 21 million to sustainable urban mobility.