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**Question for written answer E-000792/26
to the Commission
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(25 February 2026)**

Subject: Delays with the feasibility study of the Ruta de la Plata rail corridor and its inclusion in the Trans-European Transport Network

The Ruta de la Plata railway corridor, which used to link Plasencia and Astorga but has been closed since 1985, is part of the comprehensive network of the Trans-European Transport Network, which must be completed by 2050. In February 2023, the Spanish Government announced a call for tenders for a feasibility study to assess the reopening of the corridor. The tender was awarded in February 2024, and the deadline for completing the feasibility study was 24 months. That time limit has been and gone, but the study has not been submitted, as has been reported in the regional press itself ⁽¹⁾.

The corridor is crucial for the territorial cohesion and connectivity of western Spain, as it would establish a mixed passenger and freight line connected to both existing and planned infrastructure, including the Madrid-Extremadura high-speed line and the lines to Galicia and the Atlantic coast.

Given the delays and the lack of known progress:

1. Has the Spanish Government updated the Commission about the status of the feasibility study for the Ruta de la Plata corridor?
2. Has the Commission assessed the impact of the delays on the connectivity and territorial cohesion objectives of the comprehensive network in the west of Spain?

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**Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission welcomes Spain's plan to launch a feasibility study assessing the reopening of the Ruta de la Plata corridor. However, the Commission has not been updated by the Spanish Government on the status of this feasibility study.

As the 'Ruta de la Plata' line is part of the comprehensive network, with a completion date set by the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) Regulation for 2050, the Commission did not require Spain to report on the progress of this project and did not start a comprehensive assessment of the progress of the comprehensive network yet.

¹ <https://www.elperiodicoextremadura.com/extremadura/2026/02/22/tren-ruta-plata-reapertura-viabilidad-caceres-leon-127133182.html>