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**Question for written answer E-000935/26
to the Commission
Catarina Martins (The Left)
(6 March 2026)**

Subject: Timetable and EU framework for the Porto-Vigo high-speed rail line

The high-speed rail line between Porto and Vigo, due to be finished by 2032, is considered strategic for cross-border travel in the north-west Iberian Peninsula.

The President of the Government of Galicia, Alfonso Rueda, recently gave 2038 as the rail connection's expected completion date.

The Secretary-General of the North-West Peninsula Atlantic Corridor, Xoán Mao, meanwhile, has expressed concerns over missing or insufficient technical studies to back up Rueda's claims, accusing him of spreading 'nonsense and lies'.

Given those contradictory statements and the urgent need to safeguard cross-border travel between Porto and Vigo, I would like to ask the Commission:

1. What is the indicative timeline at EU level for the Porto-Vigo high-speed rail connection, which is supported by EU funds under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and from the European Investment Bank (EIB)?
2. Is the Commission monitoring the cooperation between Portugal, the Government of Galicia and the Spanish Government on the development of this project?
3. What is the Commission's assessment of the impact a possible postponement to 2038 could have on territorial cohesion, sustainable mobility and decarbonisation objectives in the Galicia-North Portugal Euroregion?

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**Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Under Regulation (EU) 2024/1679, the high-speed railway line between Porto and Vigo is part of the extended core network, with a target completion date set for 2040. So far, no Connecting Europe Facility funding has been allocated to this project.
 2. The EU Coordinator attends as an observer the 'Alta Velocidad(e) España Portugal European Economic Interest Group' (AVEP) meetings, where the cooperation for the high-speed rail cross-border projects between Portugal and Spain takes place.
 3. The Commission is of the view that a timely finalisation of this project by its target completion date, as part of the extended core network, could have a positive impact on territorial cohesion, sustainable mobility and decarbonisation objectives in the regions of Galicia, Spain, and Norte, Portugal.
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