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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Rail investments in Poland are financed by the Cohesion Policy Funds and by Connecting Europe Facility. The Cohesion Policy funds, including the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund, are implemented under shared management between the Commission and Member States¹. Member States prepare and implement programmes and projects, while the Commission monitors implementation, including transport investments. Consequently, administrative, environmental and technical procedures for individual projects are primarily the responsibility of national and regional authorities.

Regarding Connecting Europe Facility projects, some of them have been delayed in the region due to complex studies and works, lengthy tendering procedures, appeals by unsuccessful bidders, difficult ground conditions linked to legacy coal mining, collisions with undocumented cable infrastructure, and, in some cases, lengthy power connection agreements. These delays are not attributable to EU requirements.

2. For the Commission sustainable and accessible transport remains a priority. The Commission closely monitors the implementation and performance of the EU Funds through regular reporting, Monitoring Committees, Annual Performance Reviews and audits. The reporting includes indicators such as upgraded railway infrastructure, increased network capacity and improved benefits for passengers and other users. Efforts also continue to reduce administrative burden through simplification, capacity-building, clearer guidance and digitalisation, while preserving transparency, competition, environmental protection and financial accountability.

¹ Under Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1060/oj/eng>.