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The Zaragoza – Vitoria high-speed rail line involves different phases: Zaragoza – Castejon, Castejon – Pamplona and, Pamplona – Vitoria together with its connection with the future Y Basque. The Commission is informed that Spain has already carried out studies for the different phases and has also started infrastructure works between Castejon and Pamplona. The Commission welcomes such important advancements and recognises that Spain makes great efforts to align as much as possible with the core network deadline.

In accordance with Article 64(2) of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) Regulation¹, the European Coordinator was informed about the possible delays, which - as per current assessment - should not be considered significant. The estimated investments costs and estimated timeline for completion of the projects will be reported in the work plan of the European Coordinator for the Atlantic Corridor, which has been published on the website of the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport on 30 September 2026².

In accordance with Article 64(3) and Article 8(5) of the TEN-T Regulation, the Commission may, after considering the reasons provided by the Member State in the event of a significant delay in starting or completing the work on the core network, provide the Member States concerned with recommendations with a view to eliminating that delay and preventing or reducing further delays.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R1679>.

² <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/615f8e85-bcb9-11f1-81de-01aa75ed71a1>.