

**Question for written answer E-007365/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Changes to high-speed rail works in Murcia

The EU's European Regional Development Fund is contributing to work on a rail link to the city of Murcia (the Madrid-Castilla la Mancha-Comunidad Valenciana-Region of Murcia high-speed rail link). On 8 July 2009, Spain's Department for Climate Change published in the Spanish Official Journal an environmental impact report for the plan as first approved by the authorities concerned (Ministry for Public Works and Buildings, Regional Government of Murcia, Murcia Municipal Council and ADIF: Official Journal of the Region of Murcia, 21 July 2006).

However a number of years have passed with no start being made on the work and the new plans for the project's implementation are substantially different from those produced originally. They now envisage rail traffic arriving at ground level instead of underground as was first planned.

This being the case, and taking Article 4(2) of Directive 2011/92/EU and Annexes I and II thereto into account, the government must now carry out a new environmental impact assessment, but there are no plans for this.

1. Is the Commission aware of this situation?
2. Is the Commission of the opinion that a new environmental impact study must be carried out in this case?