Question for written answer E-007651/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 José Blanco López (S&D)

Subject: Trans-European network priorities

The last legislative term saw the new map of trans-European transport networks (TEN-T) finalised during negotiations between the Commission and Member States. EUR 26 000 million has been earmarked for TEN-T in the 2014-2020 period under the new Connecting Europe Facility. My country, Spain, came out of the negotiations well in that two corridors (the Mediterranean and the Atlantic) have been included in the map. These are strategically important for the transport of both passengers and freight within the penisular and beyond our borders.

On 11 September 2014, the Commission published a call for proposals to fund projects to improve European transport connections. EUR 11 900 million will be made available to help finance projects along the networks's main corridors.

- 1. What will the priorities be for funding under this new call for proposals?
- 2. Will the Commission prioritise any one specific means of transport?
- 3. Is promoting freight transport as key to encouraging competitiveness and economic development in the EU seen as a priority?

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