

**Question for written answer E-000720/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Commission involvement in the Lyon-Turin railway project

In 1996, the Commission and Parliament listed the planned Lyon-Turin rail link as one of the 14 priority projects fundamental to the development of the trans-European transport network.

In October 2011, the Commission included this route in the new central network, as part of Mediterranean corridor No 3 linking Seville and Budapest. The agreement concluded between France and Italy on 30 January 2012 outlined the steps required to complete this important project.

Réseau Ferré de France, the company which runs the French rail network, recently sold 50 % of its shares in the Lyon-Turin Ferroviaire joint-stock company to the French State for €433 590. The deal, which was concluded by means of a decree of 23 December 2014, is being presented as a prerequisite for the setting-up of a new body specifically to oversee the Lyon-Turin high-speed rail project.

Given the above developments, will the Commission maintain its proposed involvement in this major project to improve the European transport network?