

**Question for written answer E-004437/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Status of the project for a high-speed train between Galicia and northern Portugal

In 2007, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Spain-Portugal Summit confirmed 2013 as the year in which the high-speed train running from Vigo to Porto, a priority for cohesion in the north-west of the peninsula, would become a reality. However, in 2012, it was reported that the Commission would revise projects financed by the trans-European transportation network, so as to invest any unused funds in new proposals before the end of 2015. Spain and Portugal were told that they had five months to maintain the possibility of improving rail connections between Galicia and Portugal, and the use of the EUR 244 million intended for the high-speed train running from Vigo to Porto to improve the current track was ruled out.

Now, in their 23<sup>rd</sup> assembly, the 38 entities that make up the Eixo Atlántico have expressed their desire to obtain a high-speed train between La Coruña and Lisbon by 2017 through action focused on mobility between Porto and Vigo, a line that Portugal may improve by electrifying a sixty-kilometre stretch thereof.

What does this action entail? What EU funds have been allocated to this action and what is the planned national co-financing? Is this a reallocation of the EUR 244 million earmarked for the high-speed train? Is the project for a high-speed train between Galicia and Portugal now not included in the budget forecasts for the trans-European transport network?