

Question for written answer E-006097/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Missed economic opportunities in Europe

The Daimler-Benz company recently announced that it had decided not to set up a group operating base in the port of Tarragona, because the port infrastructure was not connected to railway lines of the European gauge. The port lies fairly and squarely on the route of the Mediterranean Corridor which, in turn, was laid out as a priority of the TEN-T network. But the Spanish government continues to over-invest, for little economic return, in high-speed lines.

- What is the Commission's opinion of missed economic opportunities, as in this case?
- How far does the Commission consider that programmes such as EFSI can help to solve the problems of connecting infrastructure to railway lines of high economic value, such as the Mediterranean Corridor?
- Has the Commission thought of taking any initiative with the Member States which are not meeting their commitments to the TEN-T network?