

**Question for written answer E-003643/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Requirements governing core network corridors and development of the Rhine Valley railway (Germany)

The Rheintalbahn (Rhine Valley railway) is in one of the core network corridors of the Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T). I would like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. Under EU law, what requirements govern the design speed of railway infrastructure in the context of the promotion of core network corridors?
2. Is it possible to reduce the design speed from $v(\text{max})=250$ km/h to $v(\text{max})=200$ km/h or $v(\text{max})=230$ km/h in the case of a funding application which has already been made?