

**Question for written answer E-004114/2016/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Report of the European Railway Agency on the train crash in Santiago

On 24 July 2013 a tragic train accident took place in Santiago de Compostela, leaving 81 dead and 144 injured.

The written question that I and other MEPs put to the Commission in December 2015 (E-015618-15) listed a number of potential infringements of Directive 2004/49/EC on safety on the Community's railways by the Spanish authorities in this case.

The European Railway Agency has reportedly drafted a report on the committee of inquiry into the accident, which failed to demonstrate the independence demanded by the Directive, something we condemn. Given the potential liability of senior officials of the PP and PSOE governments in relation to this accident, such as the current minister for justice, who was state secretary for infrastructure at the time of the accident, reports that the Spanish Government urged for the report not to be published do not appear implausible.

Aside from the infringement procedure opened by the Commission for irregularities in the application of Directive 2004/49/EC, what action has been taken in this particular case?

Why has the Commission not published the report now it has been completed?