

**Question for written answer E-005048/2016/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Self-protection plan for Girona train station

The high-speed train station in Girona, Catalonia, which was inaugurated on 8 January 2013, was hit by flooding on 29 September 2014 owing to heavy rainfall in the area, which led to the suspension of the rail service. This happened again on 30 November 2014. The station started operating in 2013 without the prior approval by the Civil Protection agency – part of the regional government of Catalonia – of a self-protection plan on how to respond to emergency situations at any point along the seven kilometres of train line that run underneath Girona.

A number of political institutions in the region have called on the Ministry of Public Works, through state-owned railway infrastructure companies Adif and Renfe, to take measures and provide investment as required to compensate for the obvious shortcomings at Girona station.

Is the Commission aware of this situation and of the lack of self-protection plan for Girona train station?

What measures can be taken at European level to ensure that railway services are safe?