

**Question for written answer E-007485/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Follow-up to question E-004697/2016

In her answer of 28 September, Commissioner Bulc stated on behalf of the Commission that 'Spain is implementing the standard European railway gauge between Valencia and Barcelona to allow interoperable railway services to France'. That same Wednesday, Eurostat reported that Algeciras, Valencia and Barcelona were among the EU's 'top 20' cargo ports.

1. Can the Commission say what stage has been reached in carrying out projects to use the standard European railway gauge on the Valencia-Barcelona section?
2. What schedule of work does the Commission have for completing the standard European gauge rail link between France and the ports of Algeciras, Valencia, Tarragona and Barcelona?
3. What possible solutions are being considered by the working group led by the European coordinator for the Mediterranean corridor for the problem concerning voltage in freight transport on the cross-border section between Figueras and Perpignan?