

Question for written answer E-002157/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Connecting the port of Tarragona with the Mediterranean Corridor

In his report dated December 2016, the European Coordinator for the Mediterranean Corridor included the port of Tarragona among the 12 main corridor ports which, in keeping with Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, are to be connected to the rail network by 2030. In the same report, he stated that all the ports in question were connected to the rail network. In her answer to Written Question E-013676/2015, however, in November 2015 Commissioner Bulc stated that 'specific projects on the connection of the Port have not been retained due to financial constraints'.

Does the Commission have any new information on the nature of the connection between the port of Tarragona and the Mediterranean Corridor?

If no connection has been established, what measures can the Commission take to ensure that the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 regarding the connections between ports and the corridor are implemented?

Does it not think that connections of this kind would complement other projects which are being funded, such as the Constantí intermodal platform, the new BASF intermodal terminal in Tarragona and the deployment of the UIC gauge on the Valencia-Tarragona-Barcelona section of the rail network?