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to the Commission**
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Subject: Connecting the Mediterranean Corridor with Cartagena and its harbour

Europe's railway transport corridors are a key part of planning to guarantee the European Union's territorial cohesion and economic efficiency.

The Commission's recent report on the implementation of EU macro-regional strategies (COM(2016)0805) suggests that the new stage of construction will be a major addition to Europe's integrated transport networks on a continental level and even beyond. This stands in contrast to the inexplicable delay affecting the transport system along Spain's Mediterranean coastline, including Cartagena.

The interconnection with Cartagena and its harbour, including the Los Camachos Logistics Activities Zone as an interconnection node, is a major goal for development in the region.

Bearing in mind the Regulation that established the TEN-T network, the 'Connecting Europe' programme, which has funds of more than EUR 29 billion, and the EU 2014-2020 list of priority transport projects, which approved the development of the Sevilla-Antequera-Granada-Almería-Cartagena-Murcia-Alicante-Valencia stretch as a specific project within the basic Mediterranean Corridor network:

1. How does the Commission intend to develop railway links between the Mediterranean Corridor and Cartagena and its harbour, which is viewed as one of the primary growth centres for industry and tourism in the region?
2. Does the Commission see this interconnection as a strategic priority for the region?