

**Question for written answer E-003157/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: High-speed rail project in Murcia

On 16 February 2011, the Spanish authorities, through the country's rail infrastructure agency (ADIF), awarded a contract for the drawing-up of a basic trackbed plan for the city of Murcia's mainline rail network to a joint venture partnership comprising three companies: Proyectos y Servicios, Euroconsult and M&K Ingeniería Civil. The contract was awarded on the basis of various reports and the environmental impact statement.

On 3 February 2012 the contract to draw up the plan – involving the completion of work listed in the 'Report on the plan to restructure the city of Murcia's mainline rail network' – was terminated. That plan included the placing of lines underground.

The plan was then changed, with a proposal for an overground line running into the city. Given that significant changes have been made to the original plan, and that therefore a fresh environmental impact assessment is required:

What steps is the Commission intending to take to make sure that environmental impact directives are complied with?

Is the Commission aware that European Parliament and Council Directives 2014/23/EU and 2014/24/EU of 26 February 2014 have only partially been transposed by the Spanish Government? If they had been properly transposed, it would not have been possible to put additional building work out to tender.