

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1389/04  
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to the Council

Subject: High speed rail links between Galician and Portugal, and the centre of the Union

Some months ago, the Spanish Government adopted the so-called 'Galicia Plan', which includes high speed rail link projects between Galicia and Portugal, and Galicia and the centre of the Union, by the year 2010. The government specifically adopt the following schemes: extending project No 3 on the high speed rail access from southwestern Europe (Lisbon/Porto-Madrid (2011)), Dax-Bordeaux (2020), Bordeaux-Tours (2015), but the Porto-Vigo-Ferrol, Santiago (Corunha-Vigo)-Orense-Valladolid and Ferrol-Bilbao lines were not adopted.

Has the Spanish Government submitted these projects for EU co-funding?

Is the Council prepared to examine and adopt them, taking very particular account of the fact that they respond to Galician historical shortcomings, and Galicia's recovery from the consequences of the Prestige disaster?