

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0968/06  
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to the Commission

Subject: Extension of the trans-European networks

The Commission has recently published a report on extending the main trans-European transport axes to neighbouring countries and regions. Five such axes are mentioned in the report: four overland and one concerning transport by sea. The Iberian Peninsula's Mediterranean arc has not been included on account of the impossibility of establishing a link with any of the 30 Trans-European Transport Network priority projects. This leaves the Balearic Islands with few alternatives.

Since the priority projects would have been drawn up differently if information had been made available earlier concerning the extension of the networks beyond the EU's borders, does the Commission not intend to include as a priority the Mediterranean arc and its links with the Mediterranean islands (in particular the Balearic Islands) by means of the 'maritime highways'?

What alternative measures is the Commission studying which would benefit the Balearic Islands from the transport point of view?