

**Question for written answer E-007449/2011  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Delays in cross-border rail transport

1. Is it true that Germany has decided not to use the European Railway Traffic Management System (ERTMS) on certain stretches of track? This decision is jeopardising the compatibility of German rail infrastructure with that of neighbouring countries and, as a result, is giving rise to delays in cross-border rail transport. This state of affairs is particularly troubling in that Germany's neighbours have already invested substantial sums in ERTMS, and indeed the investments recently made by Switzerland and Italy now appear essentially pointless.
2. What action has the Commission taken in order to prevent any further such decisions detrimental to safety on the European rail network?