

**Question for written answer E-008950/2012  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Upgrading of rail connections in border areas

One of the EU's policy priorities is to create a coherent transport policy. Significant funding has been allocated under the Cohesion Fund over many years with the aim of achieving this goal.

Poland is investing substantial financial resources into upgrading its railways so as to have good rail links with western Europe. The sections already upgraded on the Polish side include the line from Warsaw to the German border, from Wrocław to the border in the town of Zgorzelec, and from Wrocław to the border in the direction of Berlin. Unfortunately, the lines on the German side of the border are not being upgraded. This is having the effect of cutting Poland off from the rail transport system in Europe. It should be noted that these railway lines also form part of various pan-European corridors, including the E 30.

In connection with the above:

- Will the Commission take action to encourage Germany to speed up the modernisation of its railway lines, which are essential to the creation of a coherent rail transport system in the European Union?