

**Question for written answer E-002833/2013
to the Commission**

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Subject: North-South Transport Corridor

For some time now, experts in Central and Eastern Europe's transport market have been pointing out the need to rapidly develop transport links between the North and the South of the region. Increasing capacity would make it possible to strengthen trade links and open up the economies of Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic as new export markets. It would also improve the situation on the labour market in Polish cities with cargo ports, such as Szczecin, Gdynia and Gdańsk.

1. Has the Commission already decided which North-South Transport Corridor route would be most effective and economically beneficial for Europe?
2. What funds – drawn from what programmes – does the Commission intend to earmark in the coming years for the execution of transport programmes to link northern and southern Central Europe?
3. Has the S7 route – one of the possible routes for a transport corridor running through Poland – been considered in the EU's plans for the construction of trans-European transport networks?
4. What funds does the Commission intend to allocate for the reconstruction of Baltic ports? What facilities will receive financing?