

**Question for written answer E-001568/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
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Subject: French railway reform and fair competition

The French Government is currently preparing a comprehensive reform of the national railway system. Rail freight deserves special attention as it has seen a particularly strong decline in transport volume over the past 15 years in France.

1. How will the Commission make sure that the reform helps correct unfair competition between different transport modes?
2. Regarding intramodal competition, how will the Commission ensure that all rail freight operators receive equal treatment on the French network?
3. With Fret SNCF having accumulated a debt of more than EUR 5 billion, will the Commission authorise further capital injections, in addition to those approved in 2004 and 2006?