

**Question for written answer E-002728/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: Follow-up question: ECA Special report no 19/2018 on the European high-speed rail network

With reference to the Commission's reply to Question E-004505/2019, it nonetheless remains unclear what specific progress and results the Commission has achieved, in view of the enormous problems that exist in Europe's rail infrastructure, and what knowledge has been gained. The report entitled 'A European high-speed rail network: not a reality but an ineffective patchwork' illustrates the profound disparities that exist between Member States. However, the improvement that has been brought about in the situation thanks to the Commission's efforts does not sufficiently emerge from the above-mentioned answer to a previous question, prompting the following question:

1. What measurable results or improvements can be identified due to the measures to which the Commission refers?
2. What problems mentioned in the report has it not proven possible to solve or partially to remedy as a result of the measures taken by the Commission?
3. With regard to which of the problems mentioned in the report will the Commission have to alter its approach and plans in order to be able to attain the set objectives?