

**Question for written answer E-002998/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Policies to combat climate change and investment in TEN-T

Last Monday, the Vice-President responsible for combating climate change and the development of the Green Deal appeared before the Committee on Transport, reaffirming that both issues remain a priority objective of the Commission. A key element in these policies is the transition from modal management to an integrated mobility system. This allows the movement of people and goods to be achieved with the minimum possible level of emissions by combining various modes of transport more efficiently. In order to achieve this, it is necessary to finish building the infrastructure forming part of the trans-European transport network that was already compromised before the pandemic owing to the failure by many Member States to comply with their investment obligations. Following the economic blackout, there is a risk that this trend will be further exacerbated, thus blocking a plan which supports projects with European added value.

1. Does the Commission believe that these priority projects will suffer further delays in light of the current economic climate?
2. What instruments does it have at its disposal to avoid this?
3. Should these investments come to fruition, does the Commission consider that they would constitute a primary instrument in the fight against climate change?