

**Question for written answer E-001723/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Closure of the O Folgoso tunnel in southern Galicia extended by the Spanish Government

On 25 January 2021, a car carrier caught fire inside the O Folgoso tunnel on the A-52 motorway towards Ourense.

The Spanish Government has kept the tunnel closed ever since. The tunnel will not be reopened until May at the earliest.

According to employers' associations, the tunnel's closure in southern Galicia is having major economic and social ramifications. The traffic diversion increases the journey by roughly half an hour, wasting time and money for both carriers and private motorists. The situation is proving very costly for businesses that use these routes to transport goods around the Atlantic Corridor, inland Galicia and the rest of Spain.

1. Given that the A-52 is part of the trans-European transport network, did the Spanish Government notify the Commission of the tunnel's closure?
2. What is the Commission's view on the situation?