Question for written answer E-002654/2021 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Inclusion of the Vigo-Porto rail section in the core trans-European transport network

On 12 December 2018, the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the creation of the Connecting Europe Facility¹, including the railway line between Vigo (Spain) and Porto (Portugal) in the 'Atlantic' corridor of the core network (Lisbon – Aveiro – Leixões/Porto – Douro River/Vigo).

Following interinstitutional negotiations, the provisional agreement reached between Parliament and the Council unfortunately did not include the Vigo-Porto line as part of the core network, but only as part of the comprehensive network².

On 8 May, the Spanish Minister for Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda announced that the Spanish and Portuguese Governments will request the inclusion of the Vigo-Porto rail section in the core trans-European transport network³.

Has the Commission received a joint request from the Spanish and Portuguese Governments for the inclusion of the Vigo-Porto railway line in the core trans-European transport network?

The Commission Work Programme for 2021⁴ plans to present a legislative proposal for a revision of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) Regulation by the third quarter of this year.

Will the Commission's legislative proposal include the Vigo-Porto line in the core trans-European transport network?

¹ P8 TA(2018)0517.

² PE691.149.

³ https://twitter.com/abalosmeco/status/1390984165227745282?s=19

⁴ COM(2020) 690 final.