

**Question for written answer E-004421/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Access to the A4 from Vila Caiz and Livração

With a population of 5 000, Vila Caiz (Amarante) and Livração (Marco de Canaveses) have no direct access to the A4 motorway and, since 2009, have had no trains either.

Running from Porto to the border in Quintanilha (Bragança), the A4 was built with EU support to bring the coast within reach of northern inland Portugal, thereby bringing down accidents and reducing travel times.

Residents of these parishes, however, have no slip road onto the A4; to join, they have to drive more than 10 km out of their way. What is more, since the Livração train station (Tâmega line) was closed in 2009, they have had no railway access either.

The Recovery and Resilience Programme has earmarked some EUR 520 million for investment in roads and railways, of which EUR 313 million is to go towards building missing links and increasing network capacity. It is essential that this investment meet the needs of residents in Vila Caiz and Livração.

In the light of the above, what steps will the Commission take to encourage Portugal to build a slip road onto the A4 from Vila Caiz?