

**Question for written answer E-004549/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Concern over closure of French-Spanish border at the Portillon mountain pass

Since January 2021, the French Government has kept the French-Spanish border at the Portillon pass closed between roads N-141 and D618A, citing national security reasons. Although other border points have been reopening, and the nearest one on the Puente del Rey (N-230/RN 125) is no longer frequently policed, the Portillon pass remains shut. Its closure is severely disrupting cross-border mobility in the surrounding regions, whose economies, societies and neighbourhoods depend on this essential gateway.

Given that this state of affairs is intolerable within the current EU framework and the Schengen Area and is undermining EU citizens' right to mobility and free movement in the region, what steps can the Commission take to call for the immediate reopening of the Portillon pass?