

**Question for written answer E-005068/2021  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** The difference between the provisional and final budgets for the Mediterranean Corridor

The Mediterranean Corridor railway section between Castelló and Vandellós (part of the Cartagena-Murcia-Valencia-Tarragona branch) is still under construction. In its answer to Written Question E-003264/2021<sup>1</sup>, the Commission commented that the Mediterranean Corridor 'is of strategic importance for achieving the objectives of the trans-European transport network policy, in particular to contribute to the objectives of reducing the impact of transport on environment and climate change. The regulation establishes the requirements to be complied with by the Member States, in particular Article 39.'

In the Spanish State's budget proposal for 2022, the Mediterranean Corridor's high-speed railway budget is EUR 407.8 million. In 2021, this budget was EUR 224.9 million, with a final total yearly amount of EUR 12.4 million<sup>2</sup>. The budget relies heavily on the NextGenerationEU recovery plan.

1. Can the Commission guarantee that the Spanish authorities will spend the amount budgeted for the Mediterranean Corridor to ensure that the works are completed by 2030?
2. Is it aware of the difference between the provisional and final amounts?
3. Taking into account the difference between the provisional and final budgets, will the Commission ask the Member State in question what the reasons are for this difference?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-003264\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-003264_EN.html)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.sepg.pap.hacienda.gob.es/Presup/PGE2022Proyecto/MaestroDocumentos/PGE-ROM/doc/1/3/16/3/2/13/N\\_22\\_A\\_R\\_31\\_117\\_1\\_2\\_3\\_1453A\\_C\\_1.PDF](https://www.sepg.pap.hacienda.gob.es/Presup/PGE2022Proyecto/MaestroDocumentos/PGE-ROM/doc/1/3/16/3/2/13/N_22_A_R_31_117_1_2_3_1453A_C_1.PDF)