

**Question for written answer E-005245/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Funding for 'Ferrovia' (Railways) 2020

In the public consultation document on the 'Portugal 2030' partnership agreement, the Portuguese Government acknowledges that, owing to technical constraints, some projects under the 'Ferrovia' (Railways) 2020 investment programme will be funded under Portugal 2030, and not Portugal 2020 as initially planned. When asked about the possibility of losing EU funding under the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework, the Portuguese Minister of Planning stated that Portugal would not lose any funds earmarked for Portugal 2020, arguing that it was only a matter of delaying project phases until after 2023.

1. Has the Commission been informed of this decision and what projects have been put forward as substitutes and for what amounts?
2. Which projects, or project phases, and respective amounts, will be carried over to Portugal 2030?
3. Is the Commission aware of the priority projects for rail in Portugal 2030?