

**Question for written answer E-005450/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Objectives of Spain's Railway Plan 2021-2026 and its coordination with the trans-European transport network

Transport is an essential public service. It therefore has to provide the best possible access to places of work or study, public spaces and homes.

Spain's national Coordinator for a Public, Social and Sustainable Train Service¹ brings together dozens of Spanish civil society organisations, trade unions and political parties. This body is committed to a railway network which provides structure to urban and rural areas, making trains accessible to all citizens in an intermodal, sustainable and interconnected manner.

In Regulation 1315/2013², the EU sets out guidelines which Member States must follow when developing their core railway networks. Such networks must incorporate old railway corridors as well as propose a new system.

For more information about Spain's Railway Plan 2021-2026, see³:

1. Does the Commission consider Spain's Plan to be in line with Regulation 1315/2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network?
2. Does the Commission consider that the Spanish core rail network should not be limited to integrating the Atlantic and Mediterranean corridors, and should include new networks, night trains, cross-border connections, stations in rural areas and smaller connections?
3. Does the Commission think that the Railway Plan is in line with the climate objectives of the European Green Deal, the Fit for 55 package and the National Energy and Climate Plan?

¹ <https://coordinadoratrenpublicosocialysostenible.wordpress.com/>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32013R1315>

³ <https://www.mitma.es/ferrocarriles/estudios-en-tramite/estudios-y-proyectos-en-tramite/estrategia-indicativa>