

**Question for written answer E-003727/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Clarification of the proposal to exclude the city of Vigo from the Atlantic corridor and the core network for rail freight transport

On 14 December 2021, the Commission brought forward its proposal for a regulation amending the trans-European transport network (TEN-T)¹. Part 16/23 of Annex I to the proposal includes the Santiago de Compostela–Vigo rail freight section as part of the comprehensive network. In Part 2/14 of Annex III, however, the city of Vigo appears to be isolated from the Atlantic corridor.

This Commission proposal would be a step backwards in comparison to the existing legislation. The current legislation, Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, includes the Santiago de Compostela–Vigo rail freight section as part of the core network, not the comprehensive network². Moreover, the 2021 Regulation establishing the Connecting Europe Facility includes Vigo in the Atlantic core network corridor³.

In this context, on 10 November 2022, the Spanish Partido Popular delegation in the European Parliament tabled several amendments to the Commission's legislative proposal with a view to remedying this situation.

In view of the above:

1. Why is the Santiago de Compostela–Vigo section being excluded from the core network and the Atlantic corridor?
2. Can the Commission confirm that this is an error in the annexes?
3. What contacts did the Commission have with the Spanish authorities before bringing forward this legislative proposal?

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¹ COM(2021)0812.

² Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU. OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

³ Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014. OJ L 249, 14.7.2021, p. 38.