

**Question for written answer E-003994/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Spain's pressure on and manipulation of the European Railway Agency's 2016 investigation into the Angrois train crash

On 5 September 2022, after a nine-year wait, the trail begin to determine liability in the Alvia train crash. Spain has not yet carried out an independent investigation, as it is obliged to do under the Railway Safety Directive.

In several replies, the Commission has stated that the Spanish authorities have had to delay implementing the obligations imposed by the infringement proceedings against Spain for non-compliance with railway safety rules. New information on the Alvia train accident in Santiago de Compostela on 24 July 2013 (in which 81 people died), published in the newspapers infoLibre and Praza Pública has come to light on pressure exerted by the Spanish government to keep the 2016 European Railway Agency (ERA) report on the accident secret. This is further proof of the shameful role played by successive Spanish governments in concealing the truth about the accident.

The Spanish Government's is obviously dragging its feet in this infringement procedure against Spain; this has been the subject of our questions.

When is the Commission going to demand an action plan to prevent further infringements of European railway legislation?

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