

**Question for written answer E-002730/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: European Union Agency for Railways finds breaches of EU law

Following the tragic train accident at Tempi in February 2023, which claimed the lives of 57 people, the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) drafted a detailed report¹ for the Commission on the implementation of EU legislation on railway safety. According to press reports, the ERA report concludes that there are numerous major breaches of EU railway safety legislation. I underlined the issue of the breach of EU legislation in my written question E-000798/2023 and in a question I put to Commissioner Vălean during the TRAN committee meeting on 25 April. The Commissioner failed to provide an answer in relation to this issue.

Given that the deadly train accident could probably have been prevented had EU legislation on railway safety been properly implemented, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Was Directive 2016/798 – which was transposed into national law in October 2019 with Law No 4632/2019 – properly implemented?
2. What has the Commission done to ensure that Greece complies with EU legislation and to contribute to railway safety in the country?
3. Will it publish the ERA report on the train accident at Tempi so as to inform European citizens, who have a right to know what caused the tragic incident?

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¹ https://www.efsyn.gr/ellada/koinonia/404698_porisma-rapisma-gia-ta-halia-toy-ellinikoy-sidirodromoy