

**Question for written answer E-000422/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Delays in the construction of the Mediterranean Corridor

The Mediterranean Corridor (MC) is the main east-west axis in the TEN-T Network south of the Alps. It will provide a multimodal link for the ports of the western Mediterranean with the centre of the EU. Multimodal connections with ports in Spain have yet to be developed¹.

The TEN-T network is therefore a strategic network to guarantee and enhance the mobility of both people and goods.

Last December the Spanish ministry of transport awarded a contract for the comprehensive remodelling of the Madrid-Vicálvaro terminal, a project to which it will allocate more than EUR 300 million², financed with Next GenerationEU funds. This prioritising of funding is detrimental to the Mediterranean Corridor. Six key milestones of the MC that were pending in 2022 are still pending³, meaning that construction deadlines for the MC are not going to be met.

1. Is the Commission aware of the delays in the construction of the MC?
2. How is the Commission ensuring that Spain and other Member States use EU funds for priority projects such as the MC?
3. How does the Commission ensure that the MC is meeting all agreed deadlines and milestones?

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¹ https://transport.ec.europa.eu/transport-themes/infrastructure-and-investment/trans-european-transport-network-ten-t/mediterranean-corridor_en.

² <https://www.mitma.es/el-ministerio/sala-de-prensa/noticias/mar-26122023-1347>.

³ <https://elcorredormediterraneo.com/estado-de-las-obras/>.