## Question for written answer E-000631/2024/rev.1 to the Commission

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Subject: Mediterranean Corridor missing its completion deadline

Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network ('TEN-T Regulation')¹ sets out the priorities for the completion of the trans-European transport network and provides for measures for its implementation.

In a recent parliamentary Q&A with senators, the Spanish Minister for Transport could not say whether the Mediterranean Corridor would be completed by 2030². He was only able to mention that they have started the bidding process at EUR 12 million, to connect the port of Barcelona to the network. This adds further concerns about meeting the construction deadlines for the Mediterranean Corridor.

Currently, the Connecting Europe Facility co-finances 115 projects in Spain with an EU contribution of EUR 843 million, which translates into an overall investment of EUR 2.6 billion. Many of these investments belong to the Mediterranean Core Network Corridor, concentrated in particular in sections between Barcelona, Tarragona and Valencia. Despite this, there are still important bottlenecks and slow progress on the Mediterranean Corridor.

- 1. Will the Commission trigger Article 56 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013<sup>3</sup> if the Mediterranean corridor is not completed on time?
- 2. What measures is the Mediterranean Corridor Coordinator taking to ensure that it will be completed by 2030?

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p.1.

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