

ORAL QUESTION H-0507/01

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pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Commission

Subject: High-speed rail link between Cordoba and Malaga (Andalusia, Spain)

The Commission recently issued a publication entitled 'Europe on the Right Track', which was presented by the Commissioner responsible for regional policy and which sets out the transport projects funded under the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund. In that publication, a graph shows the fourteen trans-European transport network projects that have been declared a priority and are to be completed by 2010. Some sections of the high-speed network which have been 'imminent' for years do not appear among those projects.

Does this mean that the sections which are not listed among the priorities will be delayed, or, at least, will not be completed by 2010?

If this is the case, who took the decision to set these priorities and when? Do the governments of the Member States concerned agree with the priorities?

Whatever the case, can the Commission give a firm date for the construction of the high-speed rail link between Cordoba and Malaga in Andalusia (Objective 1), Spain? Can it confirm that it will be funded under ERDF and/or the Cohesion Fund during the 2000-2006 programming period?

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