

ORAL QUESTION H-0883/06
for Question Time at the part-session in November 2006
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Central Pyrenees tunnel - priority project No 16

The European Coordinator for the Transeuropean Transport Network's priority project No 16 has stated that the planned tunnel under the Vignemale Massif will have to wait for the implementation of the two high-speed lines between Spain and France which come under priority project No 3. However, a careful reading of the report drawn up by project No 3's Coordinator, Étienne Davignon, indicates that the Atlantic section (Irún/Hendaye-Dax) will not be finished before 2015 or even 2020. Greater progress has been made on the Mediterranean section (Figueras-Perpignan), and its completion is scheduled for 2009 and not 2010, although the Coordinator is aware that there are fresh delays.

Could the Commission confirm the completion dates for each of the cross-border sections? Does the Commission agree with Mr Davignon's statements about the Central Pyrenees tunnel scheme? What are the planned dates for beginning work on project No 16, completing it and bringing it into operation?

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