WRITTEN QUESTION P-3072/09 by José Ribeiro e Castro (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Porto-Vigo high-speed rail link: negative impact of the planned route

I earlier tabled written question E-1094/09 on the above subject, and received an answer from Commissioner Tajani on 2 April 2009.

However, among the large number of points raised, those concerning hearing and consultation of the local authorities were not answered.

Can the Commission therefore, in the context of the discussion and approval process regarding the route for the Porto-Vigo crossborder link:

- state whether the local authorities representing the communities concerned will in fact be properly involved and will participate throughout the process of consultation, evaluation and decision; and
- state whether it is willing, if necessary, to hear the local authorities of the regions to be traversed by this line?

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