Question for written answer E-010219/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Zigmantas Balčytis (S&D)

Subject: Poland's contribution to development of the 'Rail Baltica' project

The building work on the 120 km European track section from the Polish border to Kaunas is scheduled to be completed in 2015. The investment earmarked for the implementation of this project amounts to about LTL 1.3 billion. There are concerns that Poland will be slow to fulfil its obligation to extend the track as far as Lithuania, as it has no interest in diverting the flow of freight from the well-developed seaport infrastructure to the railways.

Does the Commission, which coordinates the European infrastructure network projects to be financed among the countries concerned, plan to ensure that all the Member States participating in this project will make the appropriate investment? What works are to be carried out on the Polish part of Rail Baltica from 2014 to 2020? What specific investment is to be made in Poland, and when, between now and 2020? Do the technical parameters for Polish railway tracks match the technical parameters laid down for Rail Baltica?