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## Bridging the missing links between France and Spain: studies for rehabilitating the cross-border railway section

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**Programme:**

CEF Transport

**Transport mode:**

Rail

**Call year:**

2016

**Location of the Action:**

France, Spain

**Implementation schedule:**

July 2017 to December 2022

**Maximum EU contribution:**

EUR 7,355,000

**Total eligible costs:**

EUR 14,710,000

**Percentage of EU support:**

50%

**Coordinator:**

Région Nouvelle-Aquitaine (France)

<https://www.nouvelle-aquitaine.fr>

**Status:**

Ongoing

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The 310 km Pau-Zaragoza cross-border railway line links France to Spain, crossing the Pyrenees through the Somport tunnel. The Spanish section is operational but not interoperable, the French section needs upgrading to meet the increasing demands for freight and passengers traffic. Along the comprehensive network, the Action aims at reopening the cross border line and connecting it with Zaragoza and Huesca regional logistics hubs.

Studies will prepare the design phase necessary to start works. The Action is part of a Global Project on offering an alternative to road transport crossing the Pyrenees. It will contribute to more dynamic economic activity along the Pyrenees and strengthen the connection of the Iberian Peninsula to the TEN-T network.



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**Beneficiaries:**

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Ministerio de Transportes, Movilidad y Agenda Urbana  
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