

Question for written answer E-002085/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Closure of Bressana Bottarone bridge on Milan-Genoa strategic axis: need for urgent and coordinated plan at EU level

The Bressana Bottarone bridge, a fundamental part of the infrastructure connecting Lombardy, Liguria and Piedmont, is a strategic element of the 'Rhine Alps' TEN-T network – a crucial corridor for the internal market guaranteed by the TFEU.

The railway bridge is scheduled to fully close between 1 June and 28 September 2025, which will bring the Milan-Genoa line to a standstill. Meanwhile, the ex-SS35 SP road bridge will close for approximately one year from May 2025, potentially contrary to the road safety standards of Directive 2008/96/EC.

There will likely be a lack of communication and adequate substitute services, risking the collapse of local public transport and thus hindering the objectives of the EU's 'Fit for 55' package.

In the light of this:

1. What urgent measures can the Commission take/recommend to the Italian authorities and the regions involved to minimise the impact, ensure effective and safe alternative solutions – in line with EU objectives – for public transport and road safety, and ensure the free movement of people and goods, as provided for in the TFEU?
2. Does it consider the management of this infrastructure to be in keeping with the TEN-T objectives of an efficient and seamless transport network? If not, what actions can it take to promote better planning and coordination at EU level for infrastructure interventions of this scale?

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