

Question for written answer E-003322/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Suspension of the Schengen Agreement at the Italy-Slovenia border

On 21 October 2023, the Italian Government suspended the Schengen Treaty on the free movement of persons¹ between Italy and Slovenia, following the Hamas attack on Israel. The Schengen Borders Code provides for a maximum total duration of six months for the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the internal borders. The Court of Justice of the European Union² has ruled that such a measure can only be extended if there is a new serious threat to public policy or the internal security of the Member State concerned.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission think that the extension of the restrictions is justified?
2. Is it aware of the difficulties this situation poses for the 9 000 cross-border workers? What action will it take in this regard?

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¹ Article 25a of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code), OJ L 77, p.1-52, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2024/1717.

² Judgment of 26 April 2022, Joined Cases C-368/20 and C-369/20
<https://curia.europa.eu/juris/document/document.jsf?jsessionid=785F650615506A595A7F8D8A61023DC3?text=&docid=258262&pageIndex=0&doclang=EN&mode=lst&dir=&occ=first&part=1&cid=8578076>.