

**Question for written answer E-003492/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Closure of the Mont Blanc Tunnel – concern about the sustainability of the Italian freight transport system

The main road haulage organisations in Italy have sounded the alarm about the intermittent closure, until 2050, of one of the most important gateways from the country's north-west to France and northern Europe.

The EU was established to provide a single market and equal opportunities among Member States; however, Italy is hemmed in by the Alps and its access to that market is therefore restricted, disrupting business for freight and export entrepreneurs, who have been hit by years of logistical isolation.

The periodic closures are expected to cause the loss of billions of euros and prompt a significant drop in regional and national GDP, particularly in the north-west.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware that some 40 000 lorries per month following the Mont Blanc route will return via the Fréjus route, causing congestion along the Turin node and repercussions with regard to costs, emissions and logistics efficiency?
2. Is it prepared to support the drilling of a second tube through Mont Blanc for the purpose of traffic safety, and how long might that take?
3. To protect the needs of European exporters and prevent costs being borne by businesses and consumers, exerting a drag on national GDP, is the Commission prepared to support the revision of the protocol to the Alpine Convention?

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