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Subject: Alpine connections at risk: EU action to protect businesses and road transport

The closure of the Mont Blanc tunnel from 1 September to 12 December 2025, alongside the regular Fréjus tunnel maintenance works, is exacerbating a situation already compromised by the Brenner motorway restrictions, which have been hampering the main freight corridor between Italy, Germany and Austria (more than 70 % of road traffic) for years now.

The European Commission has stood alongside Italy, adopting a reasoned opinion in May 2024, in which it stipulates that the Austrian restrictions are contrary to EU law, and actively participating in Italy's appeal to the Court of Justice submitted on 30 July 2024.

Despite this, companies and hauliers continue to face higher costs, delays and a loss of competitiveness.

In view of the above:

1. What immediate action will the Commission take to ensure free movement along the Brenner motorway and tackle the closures of the other Alpine crossing points?
2. Will it convene a permanent roundtable with Italy, Austria and France, including by revising the Transport Protocol of the Alpine Convention?
3. Will it support, with TEN-T and CEF funds, alternative infrastructure and corridors to strengthen the resilience of the Alpine connections?

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