

Question for written answer E-003069/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: State of play in the tripartite dialogue on Brenner-related issues in the run-up to the high-level meeting with Commissioner Tzitzikostas

The Commission has often moderated or supported trilateral talks and discussions between Italy, Austria and Germany. These ad hoc discussions on Brenner-related issues (transport, the Brenner Base Tunnel and transport restrictions), initiated by the Commission and overseen by the transport ministries of the three Member States and the federal states of Tyrol and Bavaria and the South Tyrol/Trentino region, have so far failed to bear fruit.

Since these talks have yielded no major results in years, one may be forgiven for thinking that the Commission is using this as a pretext to avoid taking more effective measures – such as opening infringement proceedings against Germany for the ongoing delays in upgrading the northern access route. Italy has already taken action and initiated legal proceedings against the Republic of Austria for this reason.

1. Is there any formal mandate, agreement or established working procedure governing this tripartite dialogue (e.g. regular meetings at technical or ministerial level)?
2. Which specific stakeholders are involved (ministries, the federal states of Tyrol and Bavaria and the South Tyrol/Trentino region, EU coordinators and other interested parties)?
3. What specific results have been achieved and what measures taken to date, and are there any final documents, agreements or progress reports?

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