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**Question for written answer E-002942/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Turin-Lyon rail connection and resumption of the AFA service

According to press reports ⁽¹⁾, Italy and France have reaffirmed their commitment to the construction of the Turin-Lyon rail link and the resumption of the Alpine Rail Motorway through the Frejus Tunnel, covering the Orbassano-Aiton section. The role of the Italian-French Intergovernmental Conference in the preparation and presentation to the European Commission of the implementing decision on the projects of the whole Turin-Lyon section and the course of the project was also highlighted.

Given that the implementing decision is a key act laying down the implementation methods, governance, financial coverage and operational milestones of the project, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Was the implementing decision actually forwarded by the Italian-French Intergovernmental Conference?
2. If so, has the Commission already assessed and approved its content?
3. Can it provide more detailed information on action planned, estimated costs and the use of national and EU funds?

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**Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
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In line with Article 55 of the TEN-T Regulation ⁽¹⁾, the Commission may adopt implementing acts for the implementation of cross border sections of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T).

The Lyon-Turin railway line is situated on the TEN-T core network. It is a complex cross-border long-term investment involving France, Italy and their respective neighbouring regions of Auvergne Rhône Alpes and Piedmont.

The implementing decision for this cross-border section was discussed with France and Italy in the context of Inter-Governmental Committee Lyon-Turin.

The decision was approved by the Commission on 30 July 2025 and was published in the EU Official Journal ⁽²⁾. It lists several planned milestones necessary to move forward with the investment, including its timetable.

There is no direct link between the implementing decision Lyon-Turin and a possible resumption of the Alpine Rail Motorway services. The latter is based on a set of bilateral agreements between France and Italy.

¹ <https://www.ilsole24ore.com/art/torino-lione-ok-italia-e-francia-progetti-dell-intera-tratta-e-ripresa-dell-afa-AHPEIQJB>.

⁽¹⁾ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401679.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/1715 of 30 July 2025 laying down detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2024/1679 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the implementation of the Lyon-Turin cross-border project on the Mediterranean European Transport Corridor (notified under document C(2025) 5111): https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202501715&qid=1754460384368.