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**Question for written answer E-004193/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Combined transport: situation and developments

In November 2023, the Commission published a proposal for a directive as regards a support framework for intermodal transport of goods and calculation of external costs savings and generation of aggregated data.

The new Commission proposal introduces new elements to adapt it to the significant economic, technological and legislative changes that are taking place. By introducing a support framework for intermodal transport operations, the proposal for a directive also establishes a new set of definitions. In particular, the new definition of combined transport would also change significantly compared to the current definition.

However, on 21 October 2025 the Commission announced that it was intending to withdraw the proposal in question.

In light of the proposal's significance for the sector:

1. Will the Commission withdraw the text and is it considering developing another proposal?
2. What barriers or obstacles are there to its implementation?

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**Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has assessed all proposals currently pending with the European Parliament and the Council. Those that are either no longer in general interest in view of their adoption date, lack progress in the legislative process, risk potential burden or do not align with the Union's priorities have been planned to be withdrawn. This list includes the proposal to revise the Combined Transport Directive ⁽¹⁾.

In line with the interinstitutional agreement on better law-making, both the European Parliament and the Council can now express their views on the proposals that the Commission intends to withdraw.

The Commission will then in spring 2026 carefully take their views into account and will decide if it will or will not withdraw the proposal for a revised Combined Transport Directive. If it withdraws the proposal, it will assess whether it is appropriate to prepare any other proposal and the appropriate timeframe for any such potential proposals.

The existing Directive will remain in force and the Commission can, as appropriate, place greater emphasis on ensuring proper implementation of the regulatory support scheme established by that directive.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A31992L0106>.