

(English version)

Question for written answer E-004745/25
to the Commission
Pierfrancesco Maran (S&D)
(1 December 2025)

Subject: State of play in the authorisation procedure for support measures for the Alpine Railway Highway service

The Alpine Railway Highway (in Italian ‘Autostrada Ferroviaria Alpina’ or ‘AFA’) is an combined rail service that has been operating for more than 20 years through an agreement between Italy and France.

The service is essential for ensuring the safe and sustainable transport of dangerous goods, but it was discontinued in August 2023 due to the major landslide in the Saint-André area of the Maurienne valley.

In April 2025, after 18 months of service interruption, the AFA was suspended. In order to get the service up and running again, in June 2025 Italy and France drew up and submitted to the European Commission a request for authorisation for support measures for combined transport on the Turin-Chambéry railway line.

In view of this:

1. What stage has been reached in examining the proposal by Italy and France for resuming the AFA service?
2. Given the impact on the earmarked funding and on the needs of the operators, what timeline is envisaged for the final decision?

Submitted: 1.12.2025

Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
(13 March 2026)

1. The French and Italian authorities have pre-notified the Commission of an aid measure in support of *ferroustage* services (i.e., a type of rail-road combined freight transport) on the Frejus line linking the terminal of Aiton, France, and the terminal of Orbassano, Italy. Exchanges between the Commission and the French and Italian authorities are well advanced.
 2. A final decision on the matter at hand is expected in the first quarter of 2026.
-