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Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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1. Directive 2004/54/EC on minimum safety requirements for tunnels in the Trans-European Road Network<sup>1</sup> does not prevent the reduction of the number of lanes on motorways in tunnels to a single lane, if the safety requirements are met. Similarly, neither Regulation (EU) 2024/1679 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network<sup>2</sup>, nor Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management<sup>3</sup>, forbid the reduction to one of the number of lanes of a road.
2. The Commission did not assess and does not plan to challenge these measures which have been put in place to check and improve the safety along the motorway. Traffic organisation measures fall within the remit of the national competent authorities.
3. Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of vehicles for the use of road infrastructures<sup>4</sup> requires that the level of the infrastructure charge element of a toll levied upon heavy-duty vehicles is equal to, or less than, the level necessary to recover the cost of the infrastructure. There are no specific conditions in competition law on the level of the toll fees in relation to traffic restrictions.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 167, 30.4.2004, p. 39, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2004/54/oj>.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 2024/1679, 28.6.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1679/oj>.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 319 29.11.2008, p. 59, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2008/96/oj>.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 187 20.7.1999, p. 42, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/1999/62/oj>.