

Question for written answer E-015820/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Breakdown of funding for construction of the Brenner Base Tunnel

The Trans-European Networks (TENs) are funded partly by the European Union and partly by the Member States. The financing of the TENs can also be complemented by Structural Fund assistance, aid from the European Investment Bank or contributions from the private sector.

As a result of a decision taken in summer 2015, the CEF will fund construction of the Brenner Base Tunnel to the tune of EUR 1.18 billion. Furthermore, Parliament has consistently emphasised the need for the Commission to ensure the coordination and coherence of projects where they are financed by contributions from the Union budget, the EIB, the Cohesion Fund, the European Regional Development Fund or other Union financing instruments.

From which funds are the 50% for preparation of the construction and the 30% for the construction of the tunnel itself being drawn, and how does this break down between Austria and Italy?

How much will these two countries have to contribute in terms of own resources?

How is the planning and construction of the northern approach to the tunnel being financed?

If funding from the CEF is also available for this, what is the amount of the own contribution to be paid by the Federal Republic of Germany and the Federal State of Bavaria?