

**Question for written answer E-011139/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cost-benefit analysis of the Brennero Tunnel

The independent assessment of the official cost-benefit analysis of the new Brennero Base Tunnel<sup>1</sup>, which was conducted by the Politecnico di Milano and published on 28 October 2014, showed that the cost-benefit analyses of the Brennero Base Tunnel project for 2003 and 2007 were marred by the use of obsolescent data, various methodological errors, over-estimation of benefits, and under-estimation of costs, meaning that a new analysis needs to be conducted.

According to the Austrian Court of Auditors<sup>2</sup>, Austria will have to pay EUR 12 billion for construction of the tunnel, whereas, according to the Italian Government, Italy will be paying EUR 4 865 billion (Economy and finance document 2014).

In light of this,

- and also taking into account Regulations (EU) Nos 1315/2013 and 1316/2013, does the Commission think that a new cost-benefit analysis should be conducted in accordance with the most recent approved guidelines?
- Can the Commission confirm which of the two estimates of costs is correct, since Austria and Italy are each responsible for 50 % of the total cost of construction of the tunnel?
- Can the Commission make the economic-financial plan for the tunnel project public, since, despite official requests made by M5S in 2014, the company BBT-SE has still not made the plan available?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.traspol.polimi.it/documenti/Beria\\_Grimaldi\\_Rev\\_ACB\\_Brennero.pdf](http://www.traspol.polimi.it/documenti/Beria_Grimaldi_Rev_ACB_Brennero.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.notavbrennero.info/sites/default/files/Documentazione/2009-06-17\\_Bericht\\_Rechnungshof\\_BBT.pdf](http://www.notavbrennero.info/sites/default/files/Documentazione/2009-06-17_Bericht_Rechnungshof_BBT.pdf)