

**Question for written answer E-011173/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: The Karawanks Tunnel

Croatia's entry into the European Union increased the number of Member States for which the Karawanks Tunnel between Austria and Slovenia represents an extremely important transport route.

Croatian citizens use the Karawanks Tunnel to a large extent, and it is even more heavily used by citizens of other EU countries who are visiting Croatia as tourists.

Since the Karawanks Tunnel is single-tube, there is always extremely heavy traffic passing through it in the summer months, but passage is often difficult in the winter months as well.

A single tunnel tube also causes a number of safety issues.

I am asking the European Commission:

1. Is there a plan to construct a second tube in the Karawanks Tunnel?
2. Is it known when such a project may be planned for? Have Austria and Slovenia launched specific initiatives to build a second tunnel tube?