

**Question for written answer E-004271/2017  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Tallinn-Helsinki tunnel

The possibility of building an under-sea tunnel to link two capitals, Tallinn and Helsinki, has been under discussion. Such a link would create an attractive twin city, thousands of new jobs, innovative businesses and a new and profitable trade route. At the moment, thorough geological surveys are being conducted in order to establish whether it would be possible to build a tunnel under the seabed and whether the project is feasible. The initial feedback is positive. In view of the EU's aim of linking EU Member States to one another as effectively as possible, such a project, which would also make it possible to extend Rail Baltica northwards to Finland, might be something that the EU would approve of and perhaps help to fund as well. What view does the Commission take of the plan to build such a tunnel? Is it likely that the EU might invest in the project if it goes ahead? What is the Commission's position regarding a possible project to build a tunnel between Tallinn and Helsinki?