



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT



Brussels, 3 June 2019

Subject: Invitation to a strategic discussion on the future of the Lyon-Turin Base Tunnel project
Ref: Your letter of 28 May 2019

Thank you for your letter of 28 May 2019 requesting the postponement of the planned meeting related to the Lyon-Turin project.

I fully understand that it would be more convenient for the Italian authorities to only come once for both the Brenner and the Lyon-Turin projects. However given that both the French authorities as well as TELT confirmed their presence, I cannot cancel the meeting.

In addition the potential revision and extension of the Grant Agreement requires letters from INEA to the parties concerned in the very short term and I find it necessary that I can explain for such an important and sensitive project these letters which are part of the normal mid-term review of the INEA portfolio of projects, before they are sent.

Finally no final position is required by the Member States at this meeting.

For the above mentioned reasons I do not cancel the meeting but will make sure that another one takes place at a later stage before the summer break at which you will of course be conveyed.

Yours sincerely,

