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to the Commission**

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Subject: H4 expressway works in Slovenia: ensuring smooth flows to protect logistics and territory

The works on Slovenia's H4 expressway, which is a natural continuation of Italy's A34 motorway, will mean severe restrictions and diversions for heavy goods traffic, with significant negative effects on the Gorizia area's transport and logistics sector, as well as an increase in CO2 emissions.

Gorizia Interport, which is crucial for trade flows between eastern and western Europe, risks suffering permanent economic damage due to the diversion of traffic to other less well-equipped infrastructure, such as Ferneti Interport.

These restrictions, expected to last until 2027, could jeopardise the free movement of goods in the European Union and distort the internal market. In addition, subjecting heavy goods vehicles to diversions and forced stops along alternative routes will lead to an increase in CO2 emissions and have a negative impact on hauliers' activity.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of the matter described? Has it identified any infringements of the EU legislation in force on the free movement of goods?
2. What steps will it take to urge Slovenia to ensure the smooth flow of cross-border traffic, given the significant negative impact on Italy's logistics sector and exports at the moment?

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