

Basic information

2025/0407(COD)

COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Decision

Empowering Austria to amend its existing bilateral road transport agreement with Switzerland with a view to authorising cabotage operations in the course of the provision of international road passenger transport services by coach and bus in the border regions between the two countries

Subject

3.20.05 Road transport: passengers and freight
3.20.15.04 Road transport agreements and cooperation

Geographical area

Austria
Switzerland

Awaiting committee decision

Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	TRAN Transport and Tourism		Chair on behalf of committee VOZEMBERG-VRIONIDI Elissavet (EPP)	04/02/2026
			Shadow rapporteur SCHIEDER Andreas (S&D) HAIDER Roman (Pfe) ZŁOTOWSKI Kosma (ECR) CASSART Benoit (Renew) SCHILLING Lena (Greens /EFA) KOUNTOURA Elena (The Left)	
	Committee for opinion on the legal basis		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	JURI Legal Affairs			
Council of the European Union				
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner		

European Economic and Social Committee

European Committee of the Regions

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/12/2025	Legislative proposal published	COM(2025)0773 	Summary
27/01/2026	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		

Forecasts

06/07/2026	Indicative plenary sitting date, 1st reading
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Technical information

Procedure reference	2025/0407(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 41 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 091
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting committee decision
Committee dossier	TRAN/10/04822

Documentation gateway**European Parliament**

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE785.404	13/04/2026	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2025)0773 	18/12/2025	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

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Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0125/2026	21/01/2026	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Empowering Austria to amend its existing bilateral road transport agreement with Switzerland with a view to authorising cabotage operations in the course of the provision of international road passenger transport services by coach and bus in the border regions between the two countries

2025/0407(COD) - 18/12/2025 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to empower Austria to amend its existing bilateral road transport agreement with Switzerland in order to authorise cabotage operations in the course of the provision of international road passenger transport services by coach and bus in the border regions between the two countries.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: the border regions of Austria and Switzerland are closely integrated. Many Austrians commute to work in Switzerland and vice versa and there is vibrant cross-border passenger traffic by road. A number of bus and coach services are offered which cross the border and thus connect the border regions of the two countries.

The two-way carriage of passengers and goods by road between Switzerland and the EU is regulated by the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Carriage of Goods and Passengers by Rail and Road ('Land Transport Agreement').

Currently, the Land Transport Agreement does not authorise any cabotage operations in road passenger transport by coach and bus. However, Article 20(2) of the Land Transport Agreement specifically allows the continued exercise of pre-existing cabotage rights provided there is no discrimination between EU carriers and there will be no distortion of competition. It is therefore appropriate to authorise such operations in the course of the provision of international passenger transport services by coach and bus in the respective border regions of Switzerland and Austria.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal is to empower Austria to amend its existing bilateral road transport agreement with Switzerland with a view to authorising cabotage operations during the provision of international passenger transport services by coach and bus in the border regions between the two countries.

In order to ensure that the cabotage operations concerned do not excessively alter the functioning of the internal market for coach and bus services, as established by Regulation (EC) No 1073/2009, their authorisation should be conditional upon there being no discrimination between carriers established within the Union and no distortion of competition.

For the same reason, cabotage operations should only be authorised in the border regions of Austria in the course of the provision of passenger transport services by coach and bus between Austria and Switzerland, namely the administrative districts of Bludenz, Bregenz, Dornbirn, Feldkirch in the region of Vorarlberg and the district of Landeck in the region of Tyrol.