

# TEN-T Days 2011

29 November 2011, 14:30-16:00

Queen Elizabeth Hall

## WORKSHOP 1: Freight multimodality – putting corridors

### into practice: Cross-Alpine Corridors

The proposal for new **TEN-T Guidelines**, which was adopted by the Commission on 19 October 2011, is intended to provide a policy framework where European infrastructure serves the establishment of the Single European Transport Area. The Guidelines also set out a regulatory framework with standards ensuring efficiency and interoperability. And, of course, they set out a more robust planning framework, composed of the Core and the Comprehensive Network, which will allow Member States, EU institutions and stakeholders, to concentrate on fostering the emergence by 2030 (core network) and 2050 (comprehensive network) of a functional network of European infrastructure.

To better support these efforts, focused budget support and more effective instruments are needed. This is the background against which the Commission has prepared the **Connecting Europe Facility**, an ambitious infrastructure fund for TEN-T, and also has developed the concept of the **Core Network Corridors**.

The implementation of the core network will be facilitated using a **corridor approach**. The Connecting Europe Facility contains a list of **10 corridors**, grouping projects which will provide the basis for the co-ordinated development of infrastructure. Involving at least three transport modes and crossing at least three Member States, these corridors will bring together the Member States concerned, as well as the relevant stakeholders, for example infrastructure managers and users. **European Coordinators** will chair **Corridor Platforms** that will bring together all the stakeholders – these will be very efficient instruments to guarantee co-ordination, co-operation and transparency.

As an **implementation instrument** for the core network, corridors shall coordinate on a transnational basis, different projects and synchronise the development of the corridor, thereby maximising network benefits. Core network corridors will allow for investments on either side of the border to reap greater benefits and the value for taxpayers' money to be optimised.

In the context of this corridor approach WORKSHOP 1 will specifically focus on the **cross-alpine corridors**, as a practical example of this corridor approach. It aims to stimulate an exchange of views on practical experiences and challenges between the different players on the already existing and planned corridors in the alpine region and to make this knowledge available for other corridor projects in the EU. The workshop should address important issues such as the role of core network corridors in the new TEN-T Guidelines, the need for an integrated corridor approach, exchange of good practices and the role of the "corridor customers" such as ports, combined transport operators, infrastructure managers and business

undertakings. Also, aspects of international cooperation and the importance of clear communication shall be addressed.

In the presentations and the subsequent debate, special emphasis should be given to the **role of corridor platforms** which will provide the organisational framework for the core network corridors. The following questions could be addressed:

- How to efficiently operate a corridor platform?
- How to accommodate all stakeholders in a corridor platform?
- What should be the mandate of a corridor platform? Taking (financial) decisions, monitoring progress?
- What should be the role of the Coordinator?
- Does a Corridor need a permanent secretariat?

The workshop will be moderated by the European Coordinator for the TEN-T Priority Project No. 1 "Railway axis Berlin-Palermo" and former President of the European Parliament, Mr Pat Cox.

Proposed setting:

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Languages: EN, FR, DE, PL, IT, ES

Moderator: Pat Cox, European Coordinator Priority Project 1

14:30            Opening statement by Pat Cox

14:40-15:35   Presentations from:

- Member of the European Parliament
- Port of Taranto
- HUPAC
- BLS
- Transalpine
- Brenner Basis Tunnel SE
- Alpine Convention

15:35-15:55   Discussion

15:55-16:00   Conclusions

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