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MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

on The Green Paper on the future TEN-T policy (2008/2218(INI))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission communication of 4 February 2009 entitled "Green paper: TEN-T: A policy review" (COM(2009)0044),
- having regard to the Commission communication of 26 November 2008 entitled "A European Economic Recovery Plan" (COM(2008)0800),
- having regard to the Council conclusions on Greening Transport as adopted by the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council at its session on 8/9 December 2008,
- having regard to the Commission Communication of 22 June 2006 entitled "Keep Europe moving – Sustainable mobility for our continent – Mid-term review of the European Commission's 2001 Transport White Paper" (COM(2006)0314),
- having regard to the Commission Communication 23 January 2008 entitled "2020 by 2020
 Europe's climate change opportunity" (COM(2008)0030),
- having regard to the Commission Communication of 18 October 2007 entitled "Freight Transport Logistics Action Plan" (COM(2007)0607),
- having regard to the Commission communication of 14 May 2008 on the results of the negotiations concerning cohesion policy strategies and programmes for the programming period 2007-2013 (COM(2008)0301),
- having regard to the Commission Report of 20 January 2009 on the implementation of the Trans-European Transport Network guidelines 2004-2005 (COM(2009)0005),
- having regard to its resolution of 11 March 2009 on the Lisbon Strategy¹,
- having regard to its resolution of 5 September 2007 on Freight Transport Logistics in Europe - the key to sustainable mobility²,
- having regard to Rule 45 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Transport and Tourism and the opinion of the Committee on Regional Development (A6-0224/2009),
- A. whereas the political definition of the TEN-T policy as described in Decision No 1692/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 1996 on Community guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network³ and

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¹ Texts Adopted, P6_TA(2009)0120.

² OJ C 187E, 24.7.2008, p.154.

³ OJ L 15, 17.1.1997, p. 1.

Decision No 884/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 amending Decision No 1692/96/EC on Community guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network¹ led to a "wish list" of 30 priority projects inspired mainly by national interests,

- B. whereas the external competitiveness of railway and maritime freight transport as compared with road transport must be improved in order to ensure that balanced use is made of motorways, maritime routes and rail freight corridors,
- C. whereas the 30 priority projects led to a proposal of the Commission to provide around EUR 20 000 000 000 in EU funding within the 2007-2013 Financial framework to the trans-European transport network as a whole which was finally reduced to around EUR 8 000 000 000, amongst which only EUR 5 300 000 000 for the 30 priority projects, due to the insistence of the Council.
- D. having regard to the European Union's well-known inability to comply with the rules on TEN-T funding laid down in its Regulation (EC) No 680/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2007 laying down general rules for the granting of Community financial aid in the field of the trans-European transport and energy networks ², which creates uncertainty in planning the funding of projects,
- E. whereas it is necessary to strengthen the Commission's ability to pursue the major cross-border projects, especially in the rail sector, requiring ongoing closer cooperation between the Member States involved and funding over many years, extending beyond the time-frame of the multi-annual financial framework.
- F. whereas the annexes to the above-mentioned Commission communication of 14 May 2008 show that around 49% of appropriations for transport projects are spent on roads, around 31% on railways and around 9% on urban transport, but it is not clear precisely which specific projects are co-financed,
- 1. Recognises that the first attempts at developing an EU transport infrastructure policy, inspired by the 'missing links' of the European Roundtable of Industrialists (ERT), were boosted by the Commission communication of 2 December 1992 entitled "The future development of the common transport policy", with the justification to "achieve economic growth, competitiveness and employment" and were put on track by former Transport Commissioner Karel Van Miert; notes that Council Regulation (EC) No 2236/95 of 18 September 1995 laying down general rules for the granting of Community financial aid in the field of trans-European networks³ and Decision No 884/2004/EC tried to be oriented towards the abovementioned aims; and draws attention to the stimulus given to this policy by the Commissioner responsible for energy and transport matters, Vice-President Loyola de Palacio;
- 2. Considers the reports of the TEN-T Coordinators as interesting examples for further coordination and integration of a limited choice of important projects; therefore asks the Commission and the Member States to pursue the efforts aimed at the enhancement of the

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¹ OJ L 167, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

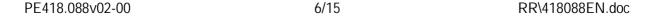
² OJ L 162, 22.6.2007, p. 1.

³ OJ L 228, 23.9.1995, p. 1.

- existing priority projects. Medium long term investment shall be continued in coherence with the objective of completing the whole network;
- Welcomes the early submission of the above-mentioned Commission communication of 4
 February 2009, with the aim to review fundamentally the EU Transport Infrastructure and
 TEN-T policy, according to current and future transport, cross-border mobility, financial,
 economic, regional (including permanently disadvantaged regions), social, safety and
 environmental challenges;
- 4. In this respect, does not see the rationale for introducing a vague notion of TEN-T conceptual pillar overloading the list of priorities. Contrary to the goal claimed by the Commission, a pillar expressively displayed as conceptual is not in a position to improve the TEN-T policy credibility, which lies in developing concrete projects;
- 5. Agrees therefore to develop a more coherent and integrated network approach, reflecting the needs for intermodal connections for citizens and freight; emphasises therefore that priority must be given to rail, ports, sustainable maritime and inland waterways and their hinterland connections or intermodal nodes in infrastructure links with and within new Member States and that particular attention must also be paid to cross-border transport links, as well as to better links with airports and sea ports in the trans-European networks; underlines that attention should be paid to the different but complementary needs of both passengers and freight; recommends Member States and regional authorities to improve intermediate stations and local interconnections as links to TEN-T in order to minimise the costs associated with a peripheral situation;
- 6. Calls on the Commission to provide particular support for priority projects with intermodal links and consistent interoperability that pass through several Member States; points out that connecting economic areas along these priority projects is a national task;
- 7. Notes with approval that environmentally-friendly forms of transport receive a disproportionately large share of consideration in the list of priority projects; calls on the Commission in this connection to ensure that this proportionality is preserved in future when projects are implemented;
- 8. Stresses the need to integrate climate protection and sustainable development for all modes of transport in the European infrastructure policy to comply with the EU targets to reduce CO₂ emissions;
- 9. Calls on the Commission to urge the Member States to integrate European environmental legislation into decision-making and planning for TEN-T projects, such as Natura 2000, SEA, EIA, Air Quality, Water Framework, Habitat and Bird Directives as well as the Transport and Environmental Reporting Mechanism (TERM)-reports on indicators for transport and environment by the European Environment Agency;
- 10. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to take into account as relevant factors for European transport infrastructure policy new developments, such as the global financial crisis, demographic change, enlargement, new neighbouring countries, and intensified connections with Eastern and Mediterranean countries;
- 11. Calls on the Commission to intensify its efforts to improve European coordination of

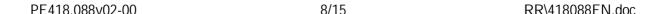
territorial development (Territorial Agenda of the European Union as well as the principle of Territorial Cohesion) and transport planning by taking account of regional accessibility through improved networks between the regions; large differences between mountainous, coastal/island, central, peripheral and other trans-border areas have to be considered, as well as the need for better integration into urban mobility systems;

- 12. Calls on the Commission to give particular priority to key projects relating to the main rail, road and inland waterway routes to ensure cross-border connections with the new Member States and with third countries:
- 13. Suggests in this connection that the European Spatial Development Perspective (ESDP) should be included as a basis for planning and that the available ESPON studies be included as scientific, planning-oriented background information on transport development;
- 14. Emphasises the need to incorporate both the objectives of the Lisbon Strategy and those of the Recovery Plan in the development of TEN-T policies, given the key importance of the mobility, accessibility and logistics thereof for EU competitiveness, and to improve territorial cohesion:
- 15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to integrate green corridors, rail freight networks, European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS) corridors, maritime "highways", such as short sea shipping, existing inland waterways with limited capacity or locks with insufficient capacity, dry ports, logistics platforms, and urban mobility nodes, as well as the projected extension of the TEN-T to the ENP, Eastern and Mediterranean countries into an intermodal TEN-T concept, based on planned actions in favour of more environmentally friendly, less oil consuming and safer modes, to ensure an optimal use of all modes of transport and promoting the compatibility of connections between the various modes of transport, in particular rail links in ports; moreover, calls for consistency between the current and future TEN-T framework and the legislation proposed on rail freight corridors;
- 16. Notes that until recently only 1% of the European infrastructure funds were used for inland waterways according to the latest research; considers that sufficient European support is needed to develop the inland waterway infrastructure in Europe, in order to use the full potential of the inland waterways as a sustainable and reliable mode of transport;
- 17. Calls on the Commission to seek to ensure that the expansion of rail freight transport is intensified with a view to higher network efficiency and faster transport;
- 18. Welcomes in this connection the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning a European rail network for competitive freight (COM(2008)0852) and the above-mentioned Commission communication of 18 October 2007;
- 19. Underlines the importance of enabling information sharing in intermodal transport, to promote and support interaction between soft infrastructure and hard infrastructure (information systems such as ERTMS/RIS/ITS/SESAR/Galileo), to improve interoperability, rolling stock (ERTMS hard- and software equipment in trains and noise reduction of freight wagons), green logistics, intermodal connections and nodes,



- decentralised door-to-door supply chain services and mobility management;
- 20. Stresses the importance of developing harmonised and standardised Intelligent Transport Systems for the TEN-T in order to have more efficient, fluent, safe and environmentally friendly transport management;
- 21. Recommends to improve implementation of the TEN-T by providing better access to information through systems like the TENtec Information System by establishing an Open Method of Coordination involving benchmarking and the exchange of best practises;
- 22. Focuses on the need to boost the efficiency of existing infrastructure within TEN-T projects in the short term, in particular where the implementation of such projects has already started, in order to make the corridors more viable and efficient and without simply waiting for the long term realisation of mega-projects within these corridors;
- 23. Supports the Green Paper's "structural option C for TEN-T shape", i.e. a dual layer, consisting of a comprehensive network, based on the current TEN-T maps, and an intermodal "core network", still to be defined and with rail, sustainable waterways and ports and their connection with logistical centres as priorities;
- 24. Supports the concept of a 'core network' consisting of a 'geographical pillar' and a 'conceptual pillar', whereby the 'conceptual pillar' contains criteria and objectives enabling projects, corridors and network parts to be identified flexibly over time rather than rigidly at the start of the budgeting period for the entire period; takes the view that it should be possible to expand TEN-T flexibly during the budgeting period in order to adapt to changing market conditions;
- 25. Recognises the crucial role of Member States, in consultation with their regional and local authorities, stakeholders of civil society and local populations, in deciding, planning and financing transport infrastructure, including European cross-border coordination and cooperation; expects more coherence from the European Council between requests for TEN-T projects and decisions on TEN-T budgets; in view of the mid-term revision of the EU Financial Framework and also with regard to the current discussion on the EU Recovery Plan, asks Member States to properly consider the issue of the necessary financial support to the transport infrastructures which are part of the TEN-T network as a priority according to the EU policy so far established;
- 26. Fully agrees with the Community aim to reducing administrative burden and therefore strongly encourages the Commission to revise the financial frameworks for the TEN-T priority projects with a view to further cutting red tape;
- 27. Asks the Member States and the Commission to reinforce the coordination of the policies pursued at national level in order to establish consistency in the co-financing and the realisation of the TEN-T program in accordance with Article 154 and Article 155 of the EC Treaty;
- 28. Underlines in this regard that the financial crisis puts greater pressure on the European Union, Member States and regions to base decisions concerning transport infrastructure projects on sound cost-benefit assessments, sustainability and the European trans-border added value:

- 29. However, investing in transport infrastructure is one key area for tackling the economic and financial crisis, therefore calls on the Commission to speed up the infrastructure projects linked to TEN-T and financed under the Structural and/or Cohesion funds; calls on Member States to reassess their investment priorities taking into account this approach, in order to speed up the TEN-T projects under their responsibility, particularly in cross-border sections:
- 30. Reminds the Commission that EU co-financing for transport infrastructure projects by TEN-T, cohesion, regional funds and the EIB must correspond with the following criteria: economic viability, enhanced competitiveness, promotion of the single market, environmental sustainability, transparency for taxpayers and citizen's involvement (partnership principle); in this respect, emphasises the importance of developing public/private partnerships to finance TEN-T projects and the need to come up with flexible solutions for the problems that arise in works of this scale (geographical and technical difficulties, public opposition, etc.);
- 31. Underlines the particularly growing investment needs of the European air transport market under the Single European Sky II package as well as the proposed "total aviation system approach"; therefore calls on the Commission to consider raising the share of the available funding for airports and ATM/ANS when revising the TEN-T budgetary framework;
- 32. Notes that more research and development is needed on best and most efficient practice in transport infrastructure financing and its positive impact on competitiveness and quantitative and qualitative employment, including PPP-experiences in this regard, as has been started already in current Commission studies;
- 33. Stresses the need to set up a task force within the TEN-T Executive Agency in order to increase the use of public-private partnership to finance some priority project or sections, and to diffuse the solutions as best practice;
- 34. Stresses that increased reliance on public-private partnerships and the European Investment Bank would not be a substitute for a significant portion of budgetary funding for large-scale projects with an intergenerational pay-back period;
- 35. Favours a reconsideration of the TEN-Ts budget by the Member States in the context of the mid-term review of the financial perspectives 2009-2010 over drastically cutting back other projects and the ambitions to develop railways and waterways that go hand-in-hand with them;
- 36. Stresses the need to allocate a percentage of toll revenue from road infrastructure to funding TEN-T projects in order to increase the leverage effect on borrowing;
- 37. Asks the Commission and the Member States to consider the Eurovelo-Network and Iron Curtain Trail as an opportunity for promoting European trans-border cycling infrastructure networks, supporting soft mobility and sustainable tourism;
- 38. Asks the Commission, in order to boost the competitiveness of the whole rail TEN network, to propose by the end of its mandate a legislative initiative concerning the opening of the rail domestic passenger markets as from 1st January 2012;



- 39. Regrets the slow pace of implementation of priority projects in border sections, particularly those in the Pyrenees that are vital for the Iberian Peninsula and France;
- 40. Encourages the Commission to keep the Parliament and the European Council involved in its (multi)annual proposals and choices on co-financing TEN-T projects;
- 41. Asks the Commission to report to the European Parliament and the Council, for every priority project, regularly and at least once a year, on the state of play of each project, on the reliability of the project's costs, on the feasibility of each project and on the timing of project's implementation;
- 42. Calls on the Commission and the EIB to submit an annual list of specific co-financed projects to Parliament and Council in the case of regional, cohesion and EIB co-financing of TEN-T projects, as is already the case for TEN-T co-financing;
- 43. Maintains that, from an ecological and economic point of view, multimodal transport systems, enabling different means of transport to be used on a given route, are in many cases the only viable and sustainable option for the future;
- 44. Underlines that, within the newly enlarged Schengen area, the transport infrastructure between Western and Eastern Europe is of immense significance given the economic growth potential, especially in the new Member States, linked to it; calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop and promote transnational road and rail links between Eastern and Western Europe, supporting in particular cross-border transport infrastructure through a specific action programme implemented in cooperation with local, regional and national authorities; also, points out that better interconnection of TEN-T and third country transport networks would improve the position of border areas in particular and bring added value to interregional cooperation and the EU as a whole;
- 45. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Your rapporteur agrees with the Commission that it is the right time for the TEN-T policy, building on fifteen years of experience, to reflect profoundly its goals and means. We need to review the projects and instruments, put more emphasis on EU coordination and seek more binding responsibilities of Member States in implementing the priority projects they have agreed on.

The TEN T project started essentially as a public infrastructure investment policy in order to achieve economic growth, competitiveness and employment by creating new transport connections. TEN-T priority projects and maps were mainly a composition of large and expensive national transport infrastructure projects, some of the 30 TEN-T Prior Projects not being a realistic option, other projects becoming in the meantime - and after the EU enlargement in particular - very important but missing in this list.

The current economic crisis might again induce us to follow this logic when investing in transport infrastructure. But what we need are smart projects and investments¹ in EU transport infrastructure and for its further development in the next 10 to 20 years. Decisions concerning transport infrastructure projects should be based on sound cost-benefit assessments, sustainability and the European trans-border added value;

These options should take account of the need for a real corridor approach as well as new technologies, both in transport and transport-related energy sectors. It shall anticipate future needs and make the best possible use of transport infrastructure. One smart answer would consist in focusing on the need to enlarge capacities of existing infrastructure within TEN-T projects on the shorter term, in order to make the corridors more viable and efficient and without only waiting for the long term realisation of mega-projects within these corridors.

Your rapporteur recognises the crucial role of Member States in deciding, planning and financing transport infrastructure, including European cross-border coordination and cooperation and expects more coherence from the European Council between wishes on TEN-T projects and decisions on TEN-T budgets.

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¹ COM(2008)0800.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

for the Committee on Transport and Tourism

on the Green Paper on the future of TEN-T policy (2008/2218(INI))

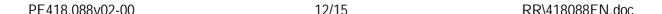
Rapporteur: Iratxe García Pérez

SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Regional Development calls on the Committee on Transport and Tourism, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

- believes that the concept of *infrastructure service* introduced by the Green Paper on TEN-T is of strategic importance to increasing competitiveness and employment in the EU in line with the Lisbon Agenda and the European Employment Strategy; calls on the Commission to focus on the promotion of high quality services and more efficient use of existing infrastructure;
- emphasises that Structural Funds, in particular the Cohesion Fund, could contribute to TEN-T objectives more efficiently if regional development and transport policy were dovetailed to more useful effect and if priorities were more focussed and funding concentrated on bottlenecks and cross-border sections of projects as well as on new challenges affecting transport, namely climate change and energy supply;
- 3. maintains that TEN-T projects have to be oriented towards the cohesion policy goal of balanced development and help to even out territorial disparities; is of the opinion that this cannot succeed unless the requirements entailed in the European guiding principle of polycentric development are taken into account;
- 4. maintains that the selection of future TEN-T projects has to be based on in-depth transport forecasts, the differing market needs and trends, and economically and ecologically sustainable business models;
- 5. maintains that, from an ecological and economic point of view, multimodal transport systems, enabling different means of transport to be used on a given route, are in many cases the only viable and sustainable option for the future;

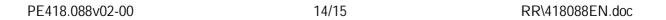
- 6. is of the opinion that Member States should commit themselves to long-term network planning and infrastructure development programming, ensuring faster and more certain delivery of projects that enables better involvement of the private sector in order to facilitate the creation of jobs;
- 7. points out that the simplification of procedures and introduction of financial guarantees to reduce entrepreneurial risk, especially for SMEs, are essential in order to attract private capital and set up sound public-private partnerships, which are essential to project implementation; maintains, as regards public private partnerships, that clear and transparent rules of conduct are needed to govern the activities of public institutions and enterprises;
- reminds Member States that the territorial cohesion of the EU depends also on the ability to ensure good interconnection among regions and that the implementation of efficient transport networks plays an important role in the social and economic development of the less favoured regions of the Union; urges them to speed up progress on cross-border sections of existing projects and to provide the necessary national funding;
- 9. underlines that, within the newly enlarged Schengen area, the transport infrastructure between Western and Eastern Europe is of immense significance given the economic growth potential, especially in the new Member States, linked to it; calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop and promote transnational road and rail links between Eastern and Western Europe, supporting in particular cross-border transport infrastructure through a specific action programme implemented in cooperation with local, regional and national authorities; also, points out that better interconnection of TEN-T and third country transport networks would improve the position of border areas in particular and bring added value to interregional cooperation and the EU as a whole;
- 10. considers it particularly vital, given the EU's dependence on its neighbours for its energy supply and the resulting risks, that the European Commission renews its efforts to secure the energy needs by designing, and investing in, new and existing pipeline networks for example for the transmission of liquefied gas from the ports to the hinterland building new storage facilities and creating alternative routes for supply.
- 11. urges the Commission to ensure that future TEN-T planning, bearing in mind the emphasis that is rightly being laid on rail freight transport, is made more efficient in terms of social and territorial cohesion, avoiding the saturation and collapse of infrastructure in already densely populated areas, and oriented more sensibly towards better structuring of the territory as a whole, taking into account the potential opportunities for the extensive areas which are sparsely populated or undergoing outright depopulation;
- 12. emphasises that peripheral regions and regions with geographical handicaps (mountain regions, islands, sparsely populated areas, the outermost regions, and remote border towns) are strongly penalised by their limited access to TEN-T corridors; recommends that Member States improve local interconnections in order to minimise the costs associated with a peripheral situation and that they ensure that the TEN-T networks cover the whole of EU territory; draws attention in this context to the overriding importance of transnational road links for local and regional development;



- 13. points to the crucial importance of the TEN-T for the outermost regions, given that those regions have to rely totally on means of transport in order to attain economic development and accessibility;
- 14. is of the opinion that a real bottom-up approach fully involving regional and local authorities, business, stakeholders of civil society and local populations in the decision-making and planning process is a prerequisite to ensuring fast implementation of TEN-T projects and their durability in the long term; calls for the above conditions to apply equally to the entire range of financing arrangements and sources of funding used for TEN-T;
- 15. considers that information on the use of TEN-T funding and on the benefits deriving from it is often not visible enough to citizens; therefore calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop actions increasing transparency as regards the allocation of these funds and on the results achieved.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	12.2.2009	
Result of final vote	+: 43 -: 0 0: 2	
Members present for the final vote	Emmanouil Angelakas, Elspeth Attwooll, Stavros Arnaoutakis, Rolf Berend, Victor Bo•tinaru, Wolfgang Bulfon, Giorgio Carollo, Bairbre de Brún, Gerardo Galeote, Iratxe García Pérez, Monica Giuntini, Ambroise Guellec, Pedro Guerreiro, Gábor Harangozó, Filiz Hakaeva Hyusmenova, Mieczys•aw Edmund Janowski, Gisela Kallenbach, Evgeni Kirilov, Miloš Koterec, Constanze Angela Krehl, Florencio Luque Aguilar, Jamila Madeira, Iosif Matula, Miroslav Mikolášik, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Jan Olbrycht, Maria Petre, Markus Pieper, Giovanni Robusti, Wojciech Roszkowski, Bernard Soulage, Catherine Stihler, Margie Sudre, Old•ich Vlasák	
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Emanuel Jardim Fernandes, Stanis•aw Ja•owiecki, Zita Pleštinská, Samuli Pohjamo, Christa Prets, Flaviu C•lin Rus, Richard Seeber, László Surján, Iuliu Winkler	
Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	Sepp Kusstatscher, Toine Manders	



RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	31.3.2009	
Result of final vote	+: 34 -: 0 0: 0	
Members present for the final vote	Gabriele Albertini, Inés Ayala Sender, Paolo Costa, Luis de Grandes Pascual, Petr Ducho•, Saïd El Khadraoui, Robert Evans, Emanuel Jardim Fernandes, Francesco Ferrari, Brigitte Fouré, Mathieu Grosch, Georg Jarzembowski, Timothy Kirkhope, Jaromír Kohlí•ek, Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Jörg Leichtfried, Eva Lichtenberger, Erik Meijer, Luís Queiró, Reinhard Rack, Ulrike Rodust, Gilles Savary, Brian Simpson, Renate Sommer, Dirk Sterckx, Ulrich Stockmann, Michel Teychenné, Yannick Vaugrenard, Armando Veneto, Roberts Z•le	
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Elisabeth Jeggle, Anne E. Jensen, Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou	
Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	Elisabeth Schroedter	