



TEN-T Trans-European transport network

Consultation on the Future of trans-European transport network policy

The internal cohesion for an improved mobility of goods, services and people is the key for the improved competitiveness of Europe in a global perspective. Indeed, increasing investment in public infrastructure is potentially supporting economic recovery as it has a positive multiplier effect in the short term, and it can improve the competitiveness of a country in the longer term.

The European precast concrete industry, here represented by its association BIBM, strongly supports the review of the Trans-European transport policy in order to fulfil these objectives and would like to contribute as following.

The methodology for TEN-T planning

- BIBM supports the general principles for designing TEN-T at all strategic levels and emphasizes the safety and security of transport infrastructure and the minimization of maintenance and operational costs as the key principles for its successful development
- BIBM stresses the need for the integration of other systems within the TEN-T strategic planning in order to achieve synergy benefits by including:
 - Systems for water and floods management: the modification of the water path by new infrastructures is known as being one of the biggest impacts on the environment. The correct design and integration of such infrastructures for its management (both the water transported in pipe systems and the rainwater) should be included in the global transport infrastructure policies.
 - Energy - TEN-E programme: a closer link with energy transport could be envisaged. In this case too, synergies could occur and should be exploited.
 - ICTs: similar to Energy, also ICT infrastructures could be included for achieving an integrated transportation system.

TEN-T implementation

The European precast concrete industry is favourable to setting up a European funding framework for the coordination of the different actors. Two thirds of the budget comes from Member States (63 %), but both the Commission (16 %) and the European Investment Bank (21 %) should increase their coordination role for those projects that indeed improve the transnational development of the infrastructures within Europe.

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