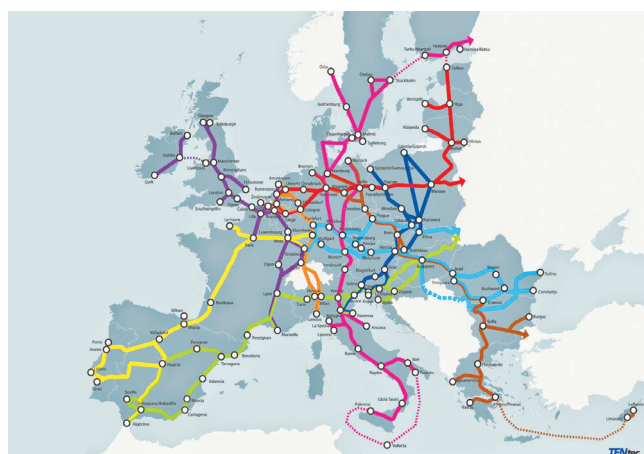


The **Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T)**

MAKING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS ON THE TEN-T MORE EFFICIENT

The trans-European transport network (TEN-T) is Europe's transport infrastructure backbone. EU legislation foresees the completion of the core network by 2030, and sets standards for transport infrastructure to ensure it is efficient, smart and sustainable. However, infrastructure projects on the TEN-T, particularly cross-border ones, are often delayed due to lengthy and complex procedures, which hinders citizens and businesses to profit in time from better connections and creates cost over-runs for project promoters. As part of the third Mobility Package the Commission proposes to enhance the regulatory framework for the implementation of infrastructure projects, namely permit granting and public procurement.



BENEFITS



A single set of procurement rules will be applied to cross-border projects.



Permits for projects need to be granted within a three year timeframe.



The Commission is ready to give priority treatment to State aid clearance for major TEN-T projects at the request of the Member States.



Delays will be cut and infrastructure will be made available earlier saving the users of the newly built or upgraded infrastructure EUR 5 billion.



Quicker noise mitigation, less air pollution, less congestion and lower number of accidents.



2.7 million tonnes of CO₂ emission estimated to be saved between 2018-2030.



More transparency for citizens: by integrating permit granting procedures citizens will know precisely when to present their opinion on TEN-T projects.