

## **PORTUGAL:**

Portugal has 1 Core Network Corridor crossing its country:

The **Atlantic Corridor** links the Spanish and Portuguese ports Algeciras, Sines, Lisbon, Porto and Bilbao through western France and, with a link from Le Havre and Rouen, to Paris and further east to Mannheim and Strasbourg. It covers rail, road, airports, ports, RRT's and the Seine as inland waterway. A main objective is enhancing railway interoperability by gauge change to UIC standard on the Iberian Peninsula.

The corridors and key projects which contribute to completing them are set out on the following page.

### **What are the key benefits?**

The multimodal TEN-T Core Network with the Core Network Corridors will strongly contribute to European cohesion and strengthen the internal market. A more competitive economy will produce higher employment. Enhanced multimodality on a better rail, inland waterways and maritime infrastructure within the multimodal TEN-T, as well as innovative technologies in the field of transport, will induce modal shift, reduce congestion on road, cut emissions of greenhouse and polluting gases and boost transport safety and security.

### **The new infrastructure policy in Europe**

Transport is vital to the European economy, without good connections Europe will not grow or prosper. The new European infrastructure policy will put in place a powerful European transport network across 28 Member States, connected to neighbouring countries and the rest of the world, to promote growth and competitiveness. It will connect East with West and replace today's transport patchwork with a network which is genuinely European.

The new policy triples EU financing to 26 € billion for transport in the period 2014 – 2020, at the same time it refocuses transport financing on a tightly defined core network. The core network will form the backbone for transportation in Europe's Single Market. By 2030, it will remove bottlenecks, upgrade infrastructure and streamline cross border transport operations for passengers and businesses throughout the EU. Its implementation will be pushed ahead by the setting up of 9 major transport corridors that will bring together Member States and stakeholders and will allow to concentrate tight resources and to achieve results.

The new TEN-T core network will be supported by a comprehensive network of routes, feeding into the core network at regional and national level. The aim is to ensure that progressively, throughout the entire EU, the TEN-T will contribute to enhancing internal market, strengthening territorial, economic and social cohesion and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Taken as a whole, the new transport network will deliver:

- safer and less congested travel
- smoother and quicker journeys
- as well as less impact on the climate.

### **Projects that could receive financing from the "Connecting Europe Facility" (CEF):**

Taking into account the long-distance benefits of improvements in a corridor, the following tables comprise, apart from projects in the country concerned, also measures in corridor sections beyond its borders.

### Atlantic

High Speed rail Sines/Lisboa - Madrid	Rail, ports	studies and works ongoing, upgrading of modal interconnection ports of Sines/Lisboa
High speed rail Porto - Lisboa	Rail	studies ongoing
Rail connection Aveiro – Salamanca – Medina del Campo	Rail	cross-border: works ongoing

### Other

NODE NAME	AIRPORT	MARITIME PORT	INLAND PORT	RAIL ROAD TERMINAL
Abrantes / Entroncamento				Comprehensive
Aveiro		Comprehensive		
Bragança	Comprehensive			
Canical		Comprehensive		
Corvo	Comprehensive			
Elvas				Comprehensive
Faro	Comprehensive			Comprehensive (Loule)
Flores	Comprehensive			
Funchal	Comprehensive	Comprehensive		
Horta	Comprehensive	Comprehensive		
Lajes das Flores		Comprehensive		
Lajes (Terceira)	Comprehensive			
Lisboa	Core*	Core		
Pico	Comprehensive			
Ponta Delgada	Comprehensive	Comprehensive		

Portimão		Comprehensive		
Porto	Core (Sá Carneiro)	Core (Leixões)	Core	
Poceirão				Core
Porto Santo	Comprehensive	Comprehensive		
Praia da Vitória		Comprehensive		
Santa Maria	Comprehensive			
São Jorge	Comprehensive			
Setúbal		Comprehensive		
Sines		Core		Core (Grândola)
Vila Real	Comprehensive			