

TEN-T Days 2011

30 November 2011, 09:00-10:30h

Darwin Hall

WORKSHOP 8: Current and future EU support

for project financing and PPPs: case studies in the TEN-T

The pressure to mobilise the increased participation of the private sector in the financing of the TEN-T comes from the realisation that the funding gap can only be addressed through a more efficient use of existing sources of funds and/or tapping new sources of funds, in a context of constrained public budgets. There is a need to find new ways to deliver on the ambitious TEN-T goals while respecting the constraint exercised by the current difficult budgetary situation of most Member States.

The project bond initiative is one of the Commission's key proposals to respond to this pressure. It combines both greater efficiency in the use of existing sources of EU funds and is designed to open up new sources of funds in the capital markets. However, developing a project pipeline that will consistently attract the private sector involves an unrelenting attention to project preparation.

The overall objective of this workshop is to provide participants with:

- evidence of the success of the existing EU level of support for PPPs;
- evidence of the need for further support; and
- knowledge of the base from which the future support for PPPs has been developed

The discussions will outline the development of the TEN-T programme support for PPPs which is leading to the creation of an EU level project pipeline of PPPs, able to exploit an increasing array of financial instruments to facilitate PPP procurement. The discussions will be complemented by case studies, representing individual responses to the challenge of supporting PPPs. The case studies will show the difficulties and successes of the use of PPPs, highlighting the evolution of support for PPPs and its impact on specific projects.