

After discussion with the European members of the International Air Rail Organisation, I would like to put forward the following two comments.

First, the principles and criteria for designing the core network seem sound. However, prioritisation will be a problem. It is, of course, important to avoid dilution of the core policy and the make real progress. So it is recommended that prioritisation criteria be made transparent.

Second, extending the TEN-T programme to encompass gas filling charging stations and electric car charging points seems to be an extension too far. Of course these need to be provided, or take-up of environmentally friendly vehicles will be less. But this is really a commercial decision for those who provide conventional fuel filling stations, and not something for the EU to get involved in.

I hope that this is useful.

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