Preparatory Action: “Towards a single European Transport System”

1.1. Introduction
The aim of this two-stage preparatory action is to identify the barriers that impede the development of a truly optimised single European transport system and to propose a set of actions which, collectively, can help to accelerate progress. This action will fully support EU policies and priorities.

1.2. Procurement
The overall budgetary allocation reserved for 2015 amounts to € 1,000,000.

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1.2.2. Legal basis:

Budget line:

08.027704

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged:

Support to the Commission for identifying the barriers that impede the development of a truly optimised single European transport system and to propose a set of actions which, collectively, can help to accelerate progress.

Type of contract and type of procurement:

Study contract with a call for tender

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: one

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure:
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**Implementation:**

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**Overall objective and purpose of the action**

The aim of this two-stage preparatory action is to identify the barriers that impede the development of a truly optimised single European transport system and to propose a set of actions which, collectively, can help to accelerate progress. The action fully supports EU and Commission initiatives. It will:

— inform future policy development and research and innovation programmes, at both EU and national level;
— address one of the seven challenges on which Horizon 2020 is based, namely ‘Smart, green and integrated transport’;
— contribute to implementation of EU2020 flagship initiatives such as ‘increasing accessibility and clean transport’ and ‘promoting innovation and excellence’.

The examination stage will:

— identify stakeholders (industry, research, administrations, regulators and civil society), and their opinions, needs and expectations;
— describe the current state of the system: public policy (at all levels); industry structures; market and regulatory conditions; mechanisms for stakeholder collaboration; transport programmes;
— look at similar issues in other world regions and identify lessons to be learned;
— identify opportunities to improve Europe’s transport system as a whole and barriers preventing this.
The roadmap stage will suggest actions, endorsed by a cross-section of stakeholders, which can accelerate progress towards an optimised transport system. It will examine:

— what, if any, new organisation(s) might help, without simply duplicating existing structures;
— how to develop a stronger ‘whole system’ mind-set at all levels;
— ways to encourage existing initiatives to pay more attention to their interactions with the rest of the system;
— potential policy initiatives at EU, Member State and local levels.

The end result will be an in-depth analysis of the opportunities for and barriers to achieving a fully optimised transport system across Europe, plus committed stakeholders from all sectors.