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ANNEX 2

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:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54.2 (b) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) n° 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p.1).

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:

Step	Date
Invitation to submit tenders	June/July 2015
Deadline for submission of tenders	Sept/Oct 2015
Information of tenderers on the results of the evaluation	Nov 2015
Signature of the contract	Nov 2015

Implementation:

DG MOVE

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.