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Atlantic Core Network Corridor  
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## AGENDA

First meeting of the Atlantic Core Network Corridor Forum  
Brussels, 3rd April 2014

Timing: 09.30-16.00 (break 12.30-13.30)

ITEM	SUBJECT
1	<b>09h30:</b> Opening ( <i>Carlo Secchi, European Coordinator</i> )
2	Tour de table
3	General background on Core Network Corridors ( <i>Carlo De Grandis, DG MOVE</i> )
4	First outline of the Corridor ( <i>Contractor: Daniela Carvalho, TIS</i> )
5	On-going TEN-T projects (overview by Bianca Holdford, INEA)
6	Exact determination of the infrastructure belonging to the corridor
7	Identification of responsible persons within the Member States
8	Identification of possible stakeholders in the Corridor Forum
9	14.30 Data encoding/missing data
10	Presentation of the timing and process for the establishment of the work plan ( <i>Raluca Mitu, DG MOVE</i> )
11	Conclusions / wrap-up

Meeting place: DG MOVE, 28 Rue De Mots, 1040 Brussels

Room: DM 28 8/67

	<p><b>Objectives of the meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Define a common understanding on the Corridor (based on the first report by consultants)</li> <li>- Set the agenda for 2014</li> <li>- Identify the stakeholders (Infrastructure Managers)</li> </ul>
1	<p><b>09h30 – 09.45:</b> Opening (Carlo Secchi, European Coordinator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome to Member States</li> <li>- EC Team presentation (DG MOVE, INEA, EIB as observer; MOVE.B4 in the afternoon, REGIO apologize for urgent mission)</li> <li>- General outline of the Corridor (Maritime dimension &amp; Ports, Multimodality, Interoperability (gauge &amp; ERTMS), Cross-border bottlenecks and missing links)</li> <li>- Corridor Added Value (Transatlantic connections and Free Trade, Panama doubling, approaching Iberian Peninsula and EU Centre)</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Tour de table</b> (starting from DE) aimed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introducing each MS representative (they can have formal presentations/contributions – no time constraints)</li> <li>- Points of reflection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; What are your expectations from the new EU level coordination approach across modes and countries (expected "added value")?</li> <li>&gt; What are your expectations for the Atlantic Corridor?</li> <li>&gt; Where do you see the biggest challenges in your country (opportunities, risks, key actors)?</li> <li>&gt; What is your point of view with regard to an integrated transport infrastructure?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3	<p><b>General background on Core Network Corridors (10')</b> (Carlo De Grandis, DG MOVE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Core Network Corridors as tools for TEN-T Implementation</li> <li>- The three key focuses of CNC: Intermodality, Interoperability, Cross-border</li> <li>- EU holistic support: coordination, integrated governance (MOVE, REGIO, INEA, EIB, MS) and support (TA, PSA); reference for Financial support; stakeholders and market actors involvement</li> <li>- Transport Policy Drivers</li> <li>- TEN-T Development, objectives, monitoring and measuring</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>First outline of the Corridor (25')</b> (Contractor: Daniela Carvalho, TIS) – ppt presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- presentation of the methodology applied for the analysis</li> <li>- first outline and analysis of the corridor based on studies and projects that were conducted in the Corridor area and based on the consultants' expertise</li> <li>- presentation / identification of critical issues: what are the "hot stops" and main bottlenecks of the corridor? Where should the coordinator primarily intervene? (see chapter "issues and problems" of the summary note): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; missing links and bottlenecks,</li> <li>&gt; interoperability,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; intermodality and interconnections,</li> <li>&gt; operational and administrative barriers</li> </ul>						
	<p><b>Open discussion on points 3 and 4 (20'/ 30', not constrained):</b></p> <p>a) on questions with regard to both presentations</p> <p>b) on general issues and problems with regard to corridor (is Alignment OK?, Critical Items and Open Issues)</p>						
5	<p><b>On-going TEN-T projects (overview by Bianca Holdford, INEA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the EU is already supporting in this period two key cross-border connections (Vitoria-Dax, Evora-Mérida) and one of their access routes (Y Basque) – progress is fast (or ought to speed up soon in PT Evora-Mérida)</li> </ul>						
6	<p><b>Exact determination of the infrastructure belonging to the corridor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Based on the Consultants' document (distributed to MSs) and Annex I to TEN-T Regulation – are there outstanding issues?</li> <li>- <i>To know: Annex I to Regulation 1315/2013 defines the core network as basis for the alignment of each corridor. No change is possible on this during 2014. However, there are still some open issues which need to be clarified, in particular:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <i>last mile connections to ports or airports can be raised and discussed with MS</i></li> <li>&gt; <i>precise alignment between two nodes mentioned in corridor alignment can be discussed</i></li> <li>&gt; <i>No new sections or nodes can be added to a corridor in the official description and alignment as laid down by Regulation 1316. However, if sections that are not included at this moment are important for the analysis of a corridor they can be taken into account for this analysis</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>						
7	<p><b>Identification of responsible persons within the Member States</b></p> <p>Possible questions for animating the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Which other ministries and/or departments do you wish to involve in the corridor activities (e.g. in upcoming for one or more working groups)?</li> <li>- Which working groups should be created in your point of view (e.g. on ports)?</li> <li>- How do you envisage your participation in several corridors? (opportunities to benefit from Programme Support Actions of the First Multiannual Work Plan for CEF:</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Member States participating in one or two corridors</td> <td style="width: 45%;">Bulgaria ; Croatia ; Cyprus ; Denmark ; Estonia ; Finland ; Greece ; Ireland ; Latvia ; Lithuania ; Luxembourg ; Malta ; Poland ; <b>Portugal</b> ; Romania ; Slovenia ; <b>Spain</b> ; Sweden ; United Kingdom</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;"><b>Maximum grant per Member EUR 308,000</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member States participating in five or more corridors</td> <td><b>Germany ; France</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">Maximum grant per Member <b>924,000</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>Plus support for Infrastructure Managers (PT as cohesion country)</p>	Member States participating in one or two corridors	Bulgaria ; Croatia ; Cyprus ; Denmark ; Estonia ; Finland ; Greece ; Ireland ; Latvia ; Lithuania ; Luxembourg ; Malta ; Poland ; <b>Portugal</b> ; Romania ; Slovenia ; <b>Spain</b> ; Sweden ; United Kingdom	<b>Maximum grant per Member EUR 308,000</b>	Member States participating in five or more corridors	<b>Germany ; France</b>	Maximum grant per Member <b>924,000</b>
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8	<p><b>Identification of possible stakeholders in the Corridor Forum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Objective: identification and approval of stakeholders to be invited for the 2nd corridor</li> </ul>						

	<p>forum in June (19 June) (=&gt; Member States have to agree on the participation of the stakeholders in the Corridor Forum)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possible introductory question to participants: What are your expectations with regard to the communication with and involvement of the different stakeholders in the upcoming fora?</li> <li>- The 2nd forum should include the participants of the 1st forum and in addition max. 20 representatives of infrastructure managers.</li> <li>- Basis for the discussion: a proposed list of infrastructure managers for rail (incl Rail Freight Corridor n° 4) and ports is included in the annex of the consultants)</li> </ul>
9	<p><b>14.30-15.00 Data encoding/missing data</b></p> <p>(meeting with TENtec)</p> <p>Background info for the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TENtec = illustration tool (output in graphs/maps)</li> <li>- Filling rate of TENtec is not satisfactory</li> <li>- Filling done by consultants until end of May, but improvements possible throughout 2014</li> <li>- There is a gap between the maps and the reality. The Atlantic consultants identified in their detailed progress report a number of those inconsistencies on Last Miles and need for splitting sections – <b>for discussion with Member States.</b></li> </ul>
10	<p>Presentation of the <b>timing and process for the establishment of the work plan</b> (<i>Raluca Mitu, DG MOVE</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Next corridor fora (timing and composition)</li> <li>- Next working steps until elaboration of final work plan</li> <li>- Parallel processes: CEF call, DG REGIO negotiations</li> <li>- Concrete tasks until Easter</li> </ul>
11	<p><b>Conclusions / wrap-up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conclusions, outlook, next steps</li> </ul>