Public consultation on the ex-post evaluation of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) Programme

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Introduction

Transport infrastructures across Europe have traditionally been developed by EU Member States. The TEN-T Programme was established by the European Union to support the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T), which aims at removing bottlenecks and completing missing links along major trans-European routes, across the European Union in support of Community objectives, such as facilitating the functioning of the internal market and strengthening economic and social cohesion.

In line with the Commission's commitment to evaluate in a proportionate way all EU spending activities intended to have an impact on society or the economy and the Better Regulation Guidelines (SWD (2017) 350), the Commission will carry out an ex-post evaluation of the TEN-T Programme in order to assess the implementation of projects funded under the programme for the period 2007-2013.

The main objectives of this evaluation are:

- to evaluate how projects of common interest are identified and implemented, as well as the impact of their implementation taking into consideration the stated objectives of the TEN-T Programme 2007-2013 including those relating to environmental protection;
- and to formulate overall conclusions and possible recommendations on the implementation of the TEN-T programme with a view to providing input for a possible revision of TEN-T policy.

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- *I agree with the personal data protection provisions
- *How familiar are you with the TEN-T Programme?
 - Very familiar
 - Quite familiar
 - Somewhat familiar
 - Not very familiar
 - Not at all

Relevance

The following questions examine how well the objectives and activities of the TEN-T Programme 2007 - 2013 addressed the needs and problems identified at the time.

- *1. In your opinion, should investing in transport infrastructure be an EU priority?
 - Yes
 - No

2. In your opinion, how important is each of the following objectives of the TEN-T Programme 2007-2013?

	Very important	Rather important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important at all	l don't know
* Develop the physical transport infrastructure	0	0	0	0	0	0
* Reduce disparities in social and economic development across the regions of the EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Create an environment that attracts private financing to infrastructure projects	0	0	0	0	0	0
* Develop projects that combine infrastructure for transport (e.g.: intelligent and sustainable transport systems)	0	©	©	0	0	0
* Improve the competitiveness of the transport sector on the global market	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Reduce greenhouse gas emissions increase energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy	0	0	0	0	0	0

3. Are the priorities listed below likely to contribute to the achievement of th
objectives of TEN-T listed in question 2 above?

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	l don't know
*Removing bottlenecks (capacity improvements)	0	0	0	0	0
*Bridging missing links, in particular cross- border sections	©	0	0	0	0
*Enhancing interoperability in all transport modes	0	0	0	0	0
*Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport systems in the long run	0	0	0	0	0
*Improving safety on the networks	0	0	0	0	0
*Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes	0	0	0	0	0

- *4. Do you expect the TEN-T Programme 2007 2013 to contribute to strengthening Europe's interconnections in the fields of transport sector?
 - Fully
 - To a large extent
 - To some extent
 - Not at all
 - I don't know

5. In your opinion, how determining are the following features of the TEN-T Programme for addressing the sector specific objectives listed in question 2?

	Fully relevant	Very relevant	Moderately relevant	Not relevant	l don't know
* The multi-modal dimension	0	0	0	0	0
* Financing of projects and studies through non-repayable grants	0	0	0	0	0
* Prioritisation of the financing (Multiannual Work Programme for the priority projects)	0	0	0	0	0
*Central management (work programmes, projects selection done at EU level by the Commission)	0	0	0	0	0

6. Please provide here any other comment on relevance of the TEN-T Programme, which has not been covered above.

Coherence

The following questions examine the alignment of the TENT-T Programme with other EU policy objectives.

- *7. In your view, to what extent is the TEN-T Programme 2007 2013 complementary and coherent with Member States' interventions/initiatives in the transport sector?
 - Fully
 - To a large extent
 - To some extent
 - Not at all
 - I don't know
- *8. In your opinion, to what extent is the TEN-T Programme aligned to and complementary with other EU policy objectives and initiatives in the fields of transport?
 - Fully
 - To a large extent
 - To some extent
 - Not at all
 - I don't know
- 9. The TEN-T Programme is one of a number of EU programmes designed to support investment in the transport sector. How would you assess the complementarity between the TEN-T Programme in the period 2007-2013, and the following EU funding instruments?

	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Fair	Poor	l don't know
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cohesion Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horizon 2020	0	0	0	0	0	0

9.b. Please explain why

10. Please provide here any other comment on synergies, complementarities or overlaps among the TEN-T Programme with other programmes.
EU added value
The questions in this section look at the extent to which the EU level TEN-T Programme creates benefits that are additional to the value that would have otherwise been created by Member State action alone, both at public and private level.
*11. In your opinion, what benefits do you expect the TEN-T Programme has produced in the period 2007-2013? (Multiple answers possible) Promotion of transnational cooperation Reduce barriers to cross-border network connections Generation of economies of scale Travelling through the EU has become easier and faster' Greater overall investment levels in transport sector None Other
11.b. If other, please specify
12. How do you rate the overall added value of TEN-T compared to other programmes at national and/or regional level? Substantially higher Somewhat higher Similar Somewhat lower Substantially lower I don't know
13. Compared to what could be achieved without the intervention of TEN-T, to what extent do you expect the TEN-T Programme will

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	l don't know
Foster the technical/operational development of cross-border projects	0	0	0	0	0
Remove bottlenecks in networks	0	0	0	0	0
Bridge the interconnection gaps	0	0	0	0	0
Promote transnational cooperation	0	0	0	0	0
Stimulate an acceleration of investments in the area of Trans-European networks	0	0	0	0	0

Effectivenes

The following section tackles the extent to which the TEN-T is progressing in achieving its general objectives as listed in question 2 above, as well as its contribution to EU policy.

- *14. In your view, to what extent has the transport infrastructure in your country improved over the last ten years?
 - Substantial improvement
 - Moderate improvement
 - Minor improvement
 - No improvement
 - Deterioration
 - I don't know
- *15. In your view, to what extent has infrastructure across countries (including different transport modes) improved?
 - Substantial improvement
 - Moderate improvement
 - Minor improvement
 - No improvement
 - Deterioration
 - I don't know
- *16. To what extent, do you think, has this development been influenced by the TEN-T Programme?
 - Substantial influence
 - Moderate influence
 - Minor influence
 - No influence
 - I don't know

17. Do you observe any positive and valuable contribution from the TEN-T Programme in the following fields so far?

	Great contribution	Moderate contribution	Minor contribution	No contribution	l don't know
Development of modern high- performing interoperable trans- European transport networks	0	0	0	0	0
Improvement of the competitiveness of the transport sector on the global market	0	0	0	0	0
Reduce disparities in economic development across the regions of the EU	0	0	0	0	0
Reduce disparities in social development across the regions of the EU	0	0	0	0	0
Strengthening the integration of, and cooperation between the regions of the EU	0	0	0	0	0
Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, increase of energy efficiency and use of renewable energy	0	0	0	0	0

Efficiency

The questions in this section examine if the TEN-T Programme's resources are being used in an optimal way to achieve the desired results.

18. In your opinion, how efficiently were the following aspects of the implementation of the TEN-T Programme handled:

	Very efficient	Quite efficient	Neutral	Fairly inefficient	Inefficient	l don't know
* Minimizing the administrative burden	0	0	0	0	0	0
*The allocation of funds in Work Programmes	0	0	0	0	0	0
*The frequency and duration of calls for proposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
*The application and selection process	0	0	0	0	0	0
*The awareness raising and promotion of the programme	0	0	0	0	0	0

19. In your opinion, how important are the following features of the TEN-T Programme in order to meet the objectives in the period 2007-2013 presented in question 2?

	Very important	Rather important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important at all	l don't know
The focus on cross- border projects and promoting better connections between infrastructure and networks	©	©	©	•	•	0
Financing of projects and studies through non-repayable grants	0	0	0	0	0	0

Financing of projects and studies through repayable instruments such as loans, guarantees and equity (Loans, guarantee and equity are part of the European Investment Bank financial products where the EU budget can be used for attracting private investment to a project /corporate. See more at: http://femip10.eib.org /products/index.htm)						
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Forward-looking questions

 20. In your opinion, is there still a need to continue EU financial support for nfrastructure investment in the transport sector? Yes Yes, albeit in a slightly different manner Yes, albeit in a significantly different manner No I don't know
20.b. Please specify
21. What could the TEN-T do differently?