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European Commission







**High Level Group
on the extension of the
major trans-European
transport axes to the
neighbouring countries and
regions**

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Composition of the Group

- Chair of the Group - Ms Loyola de Palacio
- Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya (as observer), Morocco, Moldova, Palestinian Authority, Russia, Serbia & Montenegro, Kosovo, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine
- EU Member States as well as Bulgaria and Romania
- EIB, EBRD and WB


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Objectives

- Recommendations to the Commission on three priority areas:
 - ◆ Major transport axes (limited set 5-7) and projects on these axes
 - ◆ So-called "horizontal measures" such as interoperability, border crossings etc
 - ◆ The implementation of proposed measures along the major axes, including their financing and coordination modalities

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Methodology – criteria 1

Criteria 1

Institutional dimension

- ◆ the proposed axis links to one of the 30 major TEN axes and projects and/or
- ◆ the proposed axis takes due account of international agreements and other joint decisions and actions, which may be reviewed or realigned or extended to better reflect future trade patterns and traffic flows





Methodology – criteria 2

Criteria 2

Functional dimension

- ◆ long-distance inter-regional traffic, with particular focus on international traffic
- ◆ transit traffic
- ◆ alternative to a more costly/environmentally sensitive route





Five Major Axis

- **Motorways of the Seas**
(Baltic, Barents, Atlantic, Mediterranean, Black and the Caspian Sea areas + Suez Canal towards the Red Sea)
- **Northern axis**
(Northern EU with Norway to the North and with Belarus and Russia and beyond to the East)
- **Central axis**
(Centre of the EU to Ukraine and the Black Sea and Caspian Sea including inland waterways)

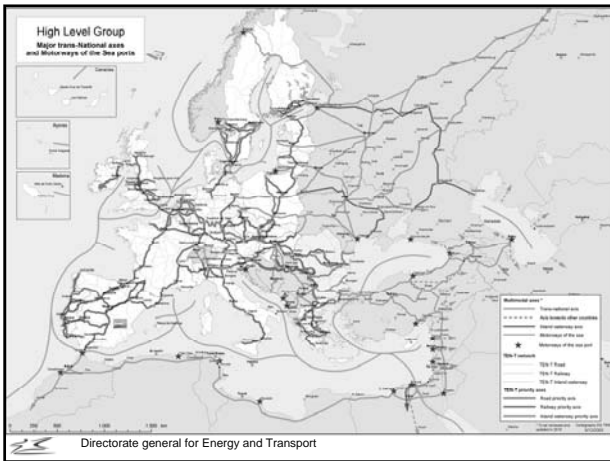




Five Major Axis

- **South Eastern axis**
(EU through the Balkans and Turkey to the Caucasus and the Caspian Sea + to Egypt and the Red Sea)
- **South Western axis**
(South-Western EU with Switzerland and Morocco and beyond including the trans-Maghrebin and its extension)







Northern and Central Axis *Alignment of the axis*

- Northern axis**
- Multimodal connection Berlin – Warsaw – Minsk – Moscow – trans-Siberian
 - Multimodal connection Finnish border – St Petersburg – Moscow
 - Rail freight connection St Petersburg – Vologda – Moscow/trans-Siberian
 - Multimodal connections from Baltic ports to Minsk/Moscow:
 - Tallinn – St Petersburg – Moscow
 - Ventspils – Riga – Moscow
 - Klaipeda/Kaliningrad – Vilnius – Minsk – Moscow
 - Multimodal connection in Norway of the TEN priority axis n° 12 (Nordic Triangle)
 - Multimodal connection St Petersburg – Vartius – Tornio – Haparanda – Narvik





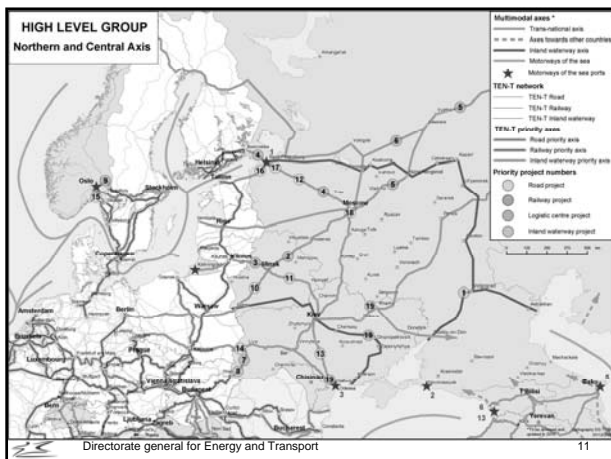
Northern and Central Axis

Alignment of the axis

Central axis

- Multimodal connection Dresden – Katowice – Lviv – Kiev
- Multimodal connection Budapest – Lviv
- Multimodal connection Moscow – Kiev – Odessa
- Inland waterways Belarus – Kiev – Odessa (Dneper)
- Inland waterways Don/Volga linking the Caspian Sea – Black Sea and a connection from Volga to the Baltic Sea
- Multimodal connection Minsk – Kiev
- Multimodal connection Kiev – Kharkiv – trans-Siberian/Caucasus







South Eastern Axis

Alignment of the axis

- Multimodal connection Salzburg – Ljubljana – Zagreb/Budapest – Belgrade – Nis, including the following connections:
- Sofia – Istanbul – Ankara – Georgia/Armenia – Azerbaijan (Traceca)
- Skopje – Thessaloniki
- Multimodal connection Budapest – Sarajevo – Ploce
- Multimodal connections Bari/Brindisi – Durres/Vlora – Tirana – Skopje – Sofia – Burgas/Varna
- Inland waterways Danube 11 and Sava
- Multimodal connection Ankara – Mersin – Syria – Jordan – Suez – Alexandria/East Port Said, including the following connections:
- Sivas – Malatya – Mersin

The exact alignment of the Danube to the Black Sea requires further analysis.

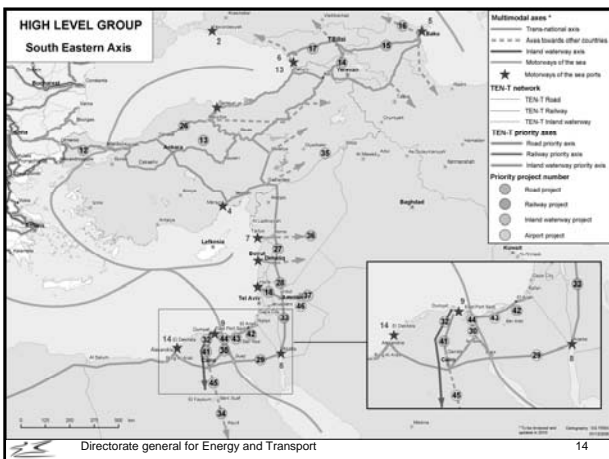




South Eastern Axis *Alignment of the axis (cont.)*

- Turkey towards Iran and Iraq
- Tartus – Homs towards Iraq
- Beirut – Damascus towards Iraq and Saudi Arabia
- Haifa – Israel border
- Jordan border – Amman towards Iraq and Saudi Arabia
- Multimodal connections Damietta – Cairo and beyond including the Nile river
- Multimodal connections from Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia towards North and South







Horizontal measures

- Border control procedures
- Satellite radio navigation systems
- Security measures
- Maritime transport and the Motorways of the Seas
- Rail transport and interoperability
- Inland waterways
- Road safety
- Air transport





Security measures in the framework of the HLG

- To take the necessary steps to **introduce, apply and control security measures**
- To ensure a **sufficient level of coordination** between enforcement authorities, customs and transport operators.
- To carry out **common security exercises** and twinning between security enforcement authorities and infrastructure managers of the EU Member states and neighbouring countries





Security measures in the framework of the HLG

- To perform a **security assessment at the design stage** for all new transport infrastructures on the trans-national axis
- To introduce **security audits and emergency plans** for the existing infrastructure





Work of the HLG to become a reality

- Commission prepares a **Communication** to the Council and the European Parliament for Spring/Summer 2006
- Commission has launched a **Public Consultation** on the HLG Report : everybody is welcome to comment on it before 17 February 2006
- Results of the Public Consultation to be discussed in a **Conference** in Brussels mid-March 2006





Work of the HLG to become a reality

- In parallel, the **implementation of the recommendations**, especially on the horizontal measures will start
- Commission will assist and provide technical assistance to the concerned countries under the existing instruments for cooperation
- Regional workshops on **financing** will be held
- **Twinning programmes** with Member States expertise will be developed





Role of the OSCE The Commission view point

- Commission is open to **cooperate with all concerned bodies/institutions** in the field of transport according to their **mandate**. **Commission suggests that the OSCE participates on an ad hoc basis to existing working groups, in particular those of the Baku Process**
- Commission thinks that the OSCE has to offer an **added value in the field of security of transport**
- Commission is ready to cooperate with the OSCE in the **field of security of transport**:
 - Aviation security (including airport control schemes)
 - Port control mechanisms
 - Urban transport security measures
 - Protection of critical transport infrastructure