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EU transport policy and terminals: Infrastructure and regulatory aspects

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Multimodality in the „EU Transport Vision“

Ultimate goal of EU Transport Policy: serve the **mobility needs** of **citizens and businesses**

Terminals are an essential element of a **multimodal transport system** (as reflected in **2018 Year of Multimodality**)

4 pillars of the “EU Transport Vision”

1. Smart **mix of modes** to achieve **decarbonisation**
2. **Digitalisation** as core enabler of multimodality
3. **Innovation** to develop applications, services, networks
4. **Investment** in physical and digital infrastructure



The role of EU policy & legislation

In which ways does the EU support **multimodal freight transport**?

- By setting a **regulatory framework** (rules, standards etc.)
- By facilitating **stakeholder dialogue and cooperation**
- By providing **co-funding for R&I and investments**

Need to strike balance between

- Letting **market forces** work where possible
- **Public intervention** (regulation, funding) where necessary

Challenge to intervene at **most appropriate level**



Elements of EU multimodal policy & legislation

Combined Transport Directive

- Targeted support for combined transport

Trans-European Networks and Connecting Europe Facility

- Planning and co-funding for multimodal EU infrastructure

Rail legislation, incl. rail freight corridors

- Rail access to terminals and coordination terminals / rail

Digital Transport and Logistics Forum

- Governance & framework for digital multimodal transport



Trans-European Networks for Transport

Planning and co-financing of multimodal EU transport network

- **Infrastructure** for **multimodal transport** explicitly considered, on an equal footing with other modes
- Defines **infrastructure standards** (740 m trains)
- Structures **network & nodes** ('comprehensive network' terminals at least in every NUTS 2 region)
- **Basis for EU co-funding** via Connecting Europe Facility



EU financial support for terminal investments

'Connecting Europe Facility' (CEF) provides EU co-funding for projects contributing to completion of TEN-T

CEF call for proposals 2018:

- Dedicated priority for **"Multimodal logistics platforms"**
- **Budget** available **€ 150m**

State-of-play

- **36** proposals **received**, **co-funding** requested **€ 193m**
- **20** proposals **recommended** for funding, **€ 106m**
- **Funding decision** will be announced in **April 2019**



Combined Transport Directive

Legal instrument to **level playing field** between **combined transport** and **road-only transport**

Proposal of European Commission for revision:

- **Clarify** definition & eligibility for support
- **Simplify** compliance and enforcement
- **Promote** (1) investment in **terminals** and
(2) support for **combined transport operations**

State-of-play

- **No agreement** between Parliament, Council & Commission
- EU Commission considers suspension is a **lost opportunity**



The Digital Transport and Logistics Forum

Overall objective: improve **digital interoperability** in logistics and freight transport across Europe by

- **remove** technical, operational and administrative **barriers**
- **enable** more efficient **electronic exchange of information**

Group of experts in transport and logistics provides:

- **Advice and technical expertise** to the Commission as regards standards, legislation, policies & programmes
- **Facilitate exchanges of information** on initiatives, projects and partnerships
- **Deliver opinions/reports or innovative solutions** to EC



Rail legislation including Rail Freight Corridors

Single European Rail Area Directive (Directive 2012/34/EU)

- Ensure **open, non-discriminatory access** to service facilities
- **Publish information** about service facilities (static, dynamic)

Rail freight corridors (Regulation No 913/2010)

- Take account of **access to terminals** when allocating rail capacity to freight trains
- Coordinate of **operation** of **rail infrastructure** and **terminals**

Summary & outlook

- **Terminals** are a **key element** of a multimodal transport system
- **EU framework and initiatives** are in place
- Seamless multimodal transport remains **work in progress**

Therefore:

- We **listen to your needs** and we **count on your contributions**
- Specific opportunities to contribute in 2019:
 - Evaluation of **TEN-T Guidelines**
 - Evaluation of **RFC Regulation**
 - Second mandate of **Digital Transport & Logistics Forum**



Thank you!

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