

European Freight and Logistics Leaders Club



OBJECTIVES

- THINK OF ALL IDEAS ABOUT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
- TEST THESE IDEAS IN VERY PROFESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS
- ELABORATE SMALL REPORTS ABOUT THESE IDEAS
- SUGGEST THESE IDEAS TO THE MEMBER STATES AND THE COMMISSION

COMPOSITION

- 90 MEMBERS
- 50% SHIPPERS
- 50% OF FIRMS INVOLVED IN ALL MODE OF TRANSPORT
 - Rail
 - Shortsea
 - Inland waterways
 - Road
 - Air
 - Forwarders and MTO

STATEMENTS

- INCREASE NEED OF TRANSPORT BECAUSE OF GDP GROWTH
- INABILITY TO RELY ONLY ON ROAD SOLUTIONS BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS
- NEED FOR MORE EFFICIENT TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS AND FOR ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS
 - IN INLAND TRANSPORTATION
 - FROM PORTS

PROPOSALS

- NECESSARY LONG TERM VIEWS
- IMPLEMENTING THE TEN PROJECTS
- ADD NEW IMPORTANT AXES
 - TOWARDS THE EAST AND SOUTH EAST
 - CONNECTED TO THE MAJOR NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDORS
- BUT.....

PROPOSALS

- TAKE SHORT TERM ACTION TO SAVE EUROPEAN COMPETITIVITY
 - COST FROM PORTS TO POPULATION CONCENTRATIONS SHOULD NOT BE HIGHER THAN OVERSEA TRANSPORTATION
 - DEVELOP SHORTSEA TO BY-PASS BOTTLENECKS ON EXISTING NETWORKS
 - DEVELOP RAIL EFFICIENCY BY REMOVING BOTTLENECKS EVEN BOARDERS BOTTLENECKS AND BY CHANGING MAJOR FACTORS

PROPOSALS

- TO IMPROVE FLUIDITY ON BOTTLENECKS
 - HARMONIZE TRAINS SPEEDS ON THE BOTTLENECKS REGIONS
- TO ATTRACT FREIGHT ON RAIL IMPROVE THE QUALITY
 - PRIORITY FOR FREIGHT ON CERTAINS AXES
 - REAL TIME INFORMATION FOR THE CLIENT
 - SIMPLIFY THE CONTACT WITH RAILWAY UNDERTAKINGS

PROPOSALS

- PROVIDE MORE COMPETITIVE RATES
 - LONG TRAINS WITH RADIO-CONTROLLED LOCOMOTIVES TO ALLOW PART OF LONG TRAINS TO REACH CLASSIC INTERMODAL TERMINALS
 - ELECTRONIC BRAKES
 - GIVE FREIGHT A REAL PRIORITY
- THESE PRICES COULD ATTRACT SUFFICIENT TRAFFIC TO FINANCE THE MAJOR PART OF THE NEWTRACKS

NEW OPERA

- THE PROPOSALS OF THE FORUM HAVE GENERATED THE NEW OPERA PROJECT
- ON TWO OR THREE MAJOR TRANEUROPEAN NETWORK AXES DEDICATED TO FREIGHT
- THE PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDY IS NOW IS ONE OF THE PROJECTSUSTAINED BY THE 6TH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME ON SUSTAINABLE SURFACE TRANSPORT



NEW **E**UROPEAN **W**ISH

Operational

Project

European

Rail

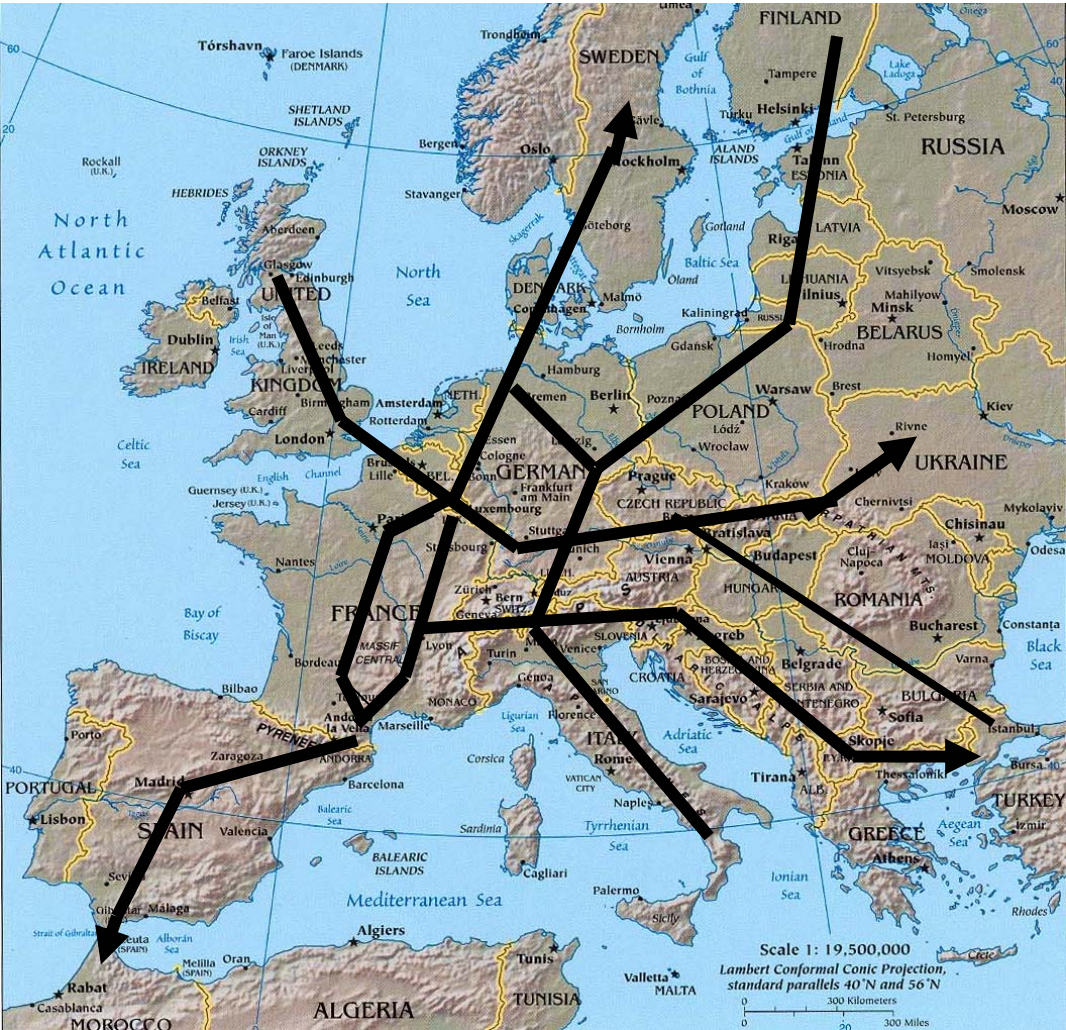
Axes



CONCLUSIONS

- DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AXES TOWARDS EAST AND SOUTH EAST IS URGENT AND ACHIEVING PRESENT PROJECTS IS ESSENTIAL
- IMPROVE OPERATIONS TO RESORB BOTTLENECKS ; GIVE FREIGHT A REAL PRIORITY. INTRODUCE LONG TRAINS
- FINALLY MIGRATE TO A DEDICATED NETWORK

PROPOSED AXES



NEW OPERA AXES

