

3.2.2. Safe and Secure infrastructure, including safe and secure parking on the road core network

General objectives

The improvement of transport safety and security remains amongst the key objectives of the common transport policy, and the TEN-T Guidelines aim at ensuring the necessary infrastructural conditions for all transport modes. EU legislation on road safety (notably Directives 2004/54/EC and 2008/96/EC) as well as the TEN-T Guidelines (notably Articles 13(e), 19 and 34) provide for relevant common standards and procedures.

Specific objectives

Directive 2004/54/EC establishes minimum safety requirements for tunnels in the trans-European road network and 2008/96/EC⁵ provides an EU-wide basis for road infrastructure safety management. Within this framework, studies shall be promoted which allow assessing the safety performance level and the compliance with the Directive on tunnel safety. Works, necessary to upgrade tunnels to comply with Directive 2004/54/EC, may be supported if they concern a cross-border project. The TEN-T Guidelines (Article 39(2) (c)) and the Commission Delegated Regulation 885/2013⁶ provide for the provision of appropriate parking space in line with the needs of society, of the market and of the environment, offering an appropriate level of safety and security. For this purpose, the following measures shall be supported:

- The TEN-T Guidelines (Article 39) and the Commission Delegated Regulation 885/2013 provide for the development of safe and secure rest areas on motorways of the core network and for the provision of relevant information services. For this purpose, the construction of, or the upgrading to, safe and secure parking areas on motorways of the core network (including Information and Communication Technologies) in compliance with relevant European specifications and equipment based on available best practices complying with EU legislation (including Information and Communication Technologies) shall be promoted
- The TEN-T Guidelines (Article 13) provide for the improvement of level crossings of railway lines of the trans-European network. For this purpose, projects may be supported which remove level crossings between lines of the road and rail networks.

⁵ See COM(2013)17

⁶ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 885/2013 of 15 May 2013 supplementing ITS Directive 2010/40/EU with regard to the provision of information services for safe and secure parking places for trucks and commercial vehicles