

PUBLIC CONSULTATION QUESTIONS TO THE STAKEHOLDERS

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Which are the major axes?

1. What are the main transport axes, including motorways of the sea, connecting the European Union to the neighbouring countries or broader regions today?
2. What will these axes be with a time horizon of 2020?
3. What is the balance between the different transport modes?
4. What are the current traffic volumes, both passenger and freight, on the proposed axes?
5. What is the amount and share of international traffic to/from the Union or between the neighbouring regions?
6. How will these traffic volumes develop by 2020?
7. Are there particularly environmentally sensitive areas that must be taken into account when identifying major axes?

Which investments and how?

1. Which are the most pressing congestion, traffic safety or geographical bottlenecks on the major axes that could justify investments?
2. What kind of improvements (rehabilitation, new construction) to the infrastructure would be needed to remove the bottlenecks?
3. What is the time horizon for the realisation of such a project?
4. What would the economic, environmental and safety benefits of such project be?
5. Are there alternative technical or modal options to remove or alleviate the bottleneck?
6. How can the project best be financed? What could be the role for private sector involvement and user charges?

How to ensure seamless and efficient use of the axes?

1. What are the main technical and administrative bottlenecks on the axes?
2. Are there problems of interoperability when crossing borders or changing modes?
3. Is safety or security a major concern along an axis?
4. What could be done to solve the bottlenecks today and with a time horizon of 2020?
5. How can intermodal transport be facilitated?
6. What common market rules should be implemented to facilitate and speed up transport along an axis?
7. Which policies or administrative procedures should be better integrated?
8. What could be the role of the private sector?