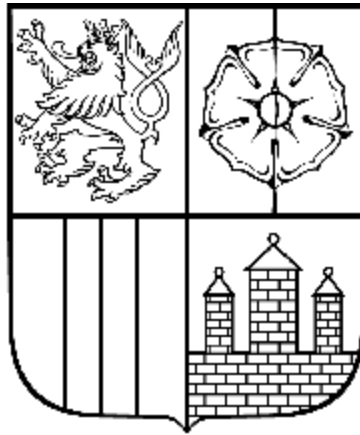


THE REGION OF SOUTH BOHEMIA (CZ)



PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE REPORT OF THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MAIN TRANS-EUROPEAN TRANSPORT AXES TO THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AND REGIONS AND THE WAY FORWARD

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The Region of South Bohemia has got familiar with the report of HLG and with all of the contributions from the first stage of the public consultation process. We actively took part in the process providing our proposal for the definite connections (which is common for many a contribution) but in addition to this we also tried to work out detailed comments on each of the items concerning this issue. Following to this we presented our views on the stakeholders' meeting held on 5th April 2005 in Brussels.

To be honest we have to state that our views have not been sufficiently taken into account by the Report of HLG and therefore there are still valid.

We appreciate that the DG TREN web page includes the complete amount of the contributions from the spring of 2005 but on the other hand we miss any evaluation of them by the DG TREN. Due to this fact we are not able to recognize whether our theses are considered being wrong or whether they were not taken into account for some other reasons.

Today we nevertheless want to stress our views just on the most significant features. With regard to the assignment of this public consultation process as well as to the transport policy of the Czech Republic and its regional dimension:

§ **We require the text from page no. 24 of the Report of HLG (*concerning the support of Austria, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Pym Corridor (Berlin – Zagreb) connecting to the Priority project no. 22*) to be projected also to the list in the item no. 9.4. “Priority axes” respectively to the list in the item 9.4.3. “South-Eastern Axis”. We suggest realizing it by adding this branch to the multimodal connection Salzburg – Ljubljana – Zagreb/Budapest – Beograd – Nis (see page 71). Doing so we could create a better connection between Berlin – Prague - Linz – Graz / Salzburg – Ljubljana for the benefit of improving the accessibility of Western Balkans.**

§ **The definition of the new axes in the shape of the multimodal corridors is not compatible with the definition adopted in the current pieces of legislation (Decision no. 1692/96/EC). Currently there is specified either the scale of TEN-T network or the list of the priority projects. We recommend the Report to be transposed to the currently used scheme.**

§ **As a fundamental mistake we see the omission of the transport needs of the West Balkan territory and its connection to the Central Europe (Ionian – Adriatic Corridor). This corridor has our strong support since we consider it crucial for the completion of the North-South axis connecting the ports on the Baltic (Rostock, Sassnitz, Szczecin) and the Adriatic sea (Koper, Trieste + newly Rijeka)**

As and addition to our statements we also attach our proposal for joining the new axis to the existing Priority projects:

§ **No. 7 Motorway axis Igoumenitsa/Patras – Athens – Sofia – Budapest**

§ **No. 22 Railway axis Athens – Sofia – Budapest – Vienna – Prague – Nurmberg/Dresden/Linz**

All of our statements have their source in the close cooperation of the regions of Ústí, Central Bohemia, South Bohemia (CZE), Saxony (D), Upper Austria, Steirmark (A) and the Cities of Koper (SLO), Prague (CZE), Rijeka (HR) on the concept of EUROCORRIDOR NORTH-SOUTH.

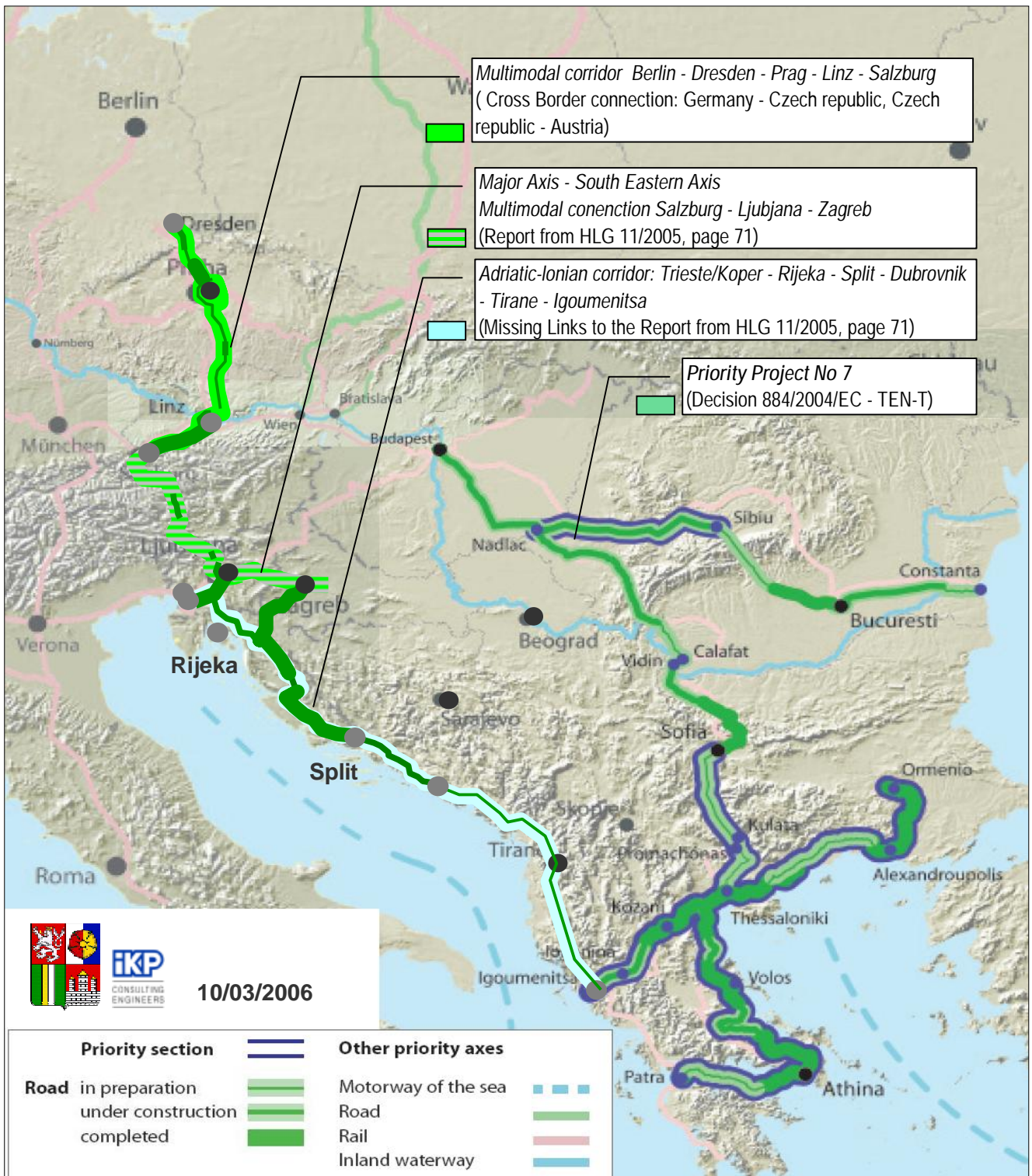
Priority Project No 7

of the TEN-T including a proposal for its extension

The Region of South Bohemia supports the proposal of
Croatia and other West Balkan countries

Adriatic-Ionian corridor

(Dresden-Salzburg-Ljubljana-) Trieste/Koper - Rijeka - Split - Dubrovnik - Tirane - Igoumenitsa



Prioritní projekt No 22

of the TEN-T including a proposal for its extension

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**The Region of South Bohemia supports the proposal of
the Regions of Upper Austria nad Steiermark, port Koper, port Rijeka, Croatia for the inclusion of
the Pyhrn corridor**

Linz - Graz - Ljubjana - Zagreb (-Rijeka) - Split + Zagreb - Beograd/Sarajevo

