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**Public Consultation:**

Dear Sir or Madam,  
Here are my answers to the questions for the consultation. I was involved in the public consultation for the Motorways of the Sea (MOTS) and now I would like to add to this proposal some more developed ideas.

I would like to add some ideas firstly for the ports selected under the MOTS even though they are reviewed and have to reach quality levels, this could be a rolling programme increasing all the time.

To answer your questions for the consultation:

1: I believe the links for rail Priority axis does not include areas that could also benefit from this even though they get EU Structural funds some should be included in the linkages, i.e. South West of England and Brittany are just two regions that would benefit.

2: One way to overcome bottlenecks to have a system of trading points between under performing places to other that need to be developed, this could act like the trading scheme for emissions. I'll try and explain, two neighbouring regions with each a crossings/ports A and B, A has the facilities to meet the standards laid down and the B not as it is a less developed region. Both get awarded a series of points that can traded in the short term, if for instance A becomes less efficient or creating other problems it would lose its overall points level. However, it could purchase points off B in the short term. Initially giving A time to come up to standard and secondly this would provide financial aid to B to be able to bring its self up to standard. To get these crossing/ports to continue improving a series of pre agreed rolling targets would be introduced and so using the free market and competition to add to the efficiencies needed in the system.

It must be noted the word 'Competition' was only used twice in the whole report.

3: Please see answer to number 2

4: The agreement should also include the companies running the networks or Ports/Crossings as to agreed targets to include the otherwise it will not work. Please see above about the idea of a trading scheme with rolling targets.

5: The idea of an international treaty would be good as long as the treaty had the right powers to punish as well as reward and to be recognised by the signing governments.

I hope you find these suggestions useful

Best wishes,

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