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As far as it concerns the subject in reference, here are our comments and concerns:

1. Regarding Project No 3 “Motorways of the Sea” there is an issue of promoting clearer delimitation of the suggested seaways:

In relation to the 5th Sea Motorway in the Eastern Mediterranean in particular, further clarification is needed by naming at least the countries concerned when using the broader location term ‘Eastern Mediterranean’. Even though the motorway is being marked on the map is not clearly outlined in the Project’s description.

Our stance is to stipulate the embracing of the Northern Aegean ports that comprise upshots of the Trans European Networks, with Cyprus, underlying their core role in the formation of the Pan European Transport Network and the development of a Euro Mediterranean Transport Network.

2. Regarding the qualification criteria for the characterization of the sea ports as Hub Ports of the Sea Motorways:

There is an issue to be noted in relation to the Member states sanction level and their flexibility to intervene in registering the requirements for characterizing seaports. Member states that are participating in the sea motorways should be in position to jointly tender and propose alternative service patterns of the motorways taking better care of future growth and region’s coherency along with the best interest of Union’s internal market.

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