Making the best use of new financial schemes for European transport infrastructure projects

Action Plan: 12 recommendations

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Report structure

I - 12 recommendations: strategic outline

II - Executive Summary: 12 recommendations explained

III - 12 Recommendations rationale and detailed measures

IV - Pilot projects and sectors for innovative financial schemes

V - Additional remarks and follow-up

12 recommendations regrouped in 4 building blocks
Action plan – Building block 1

Strengthening the project pipeline: Assistance for project development, identification and financial structuring

1. Development of stable pipeline of mature projects
2. Comprehensive approach on projects' life-cycle, including maintenance
3. Improving the quality of projects
Action plan – Building block 2

**Simplifying the procedures: Procurement, permitting and state aid consistency**

4. Simplifying *procurement procedures*, including specific issues related to cross-border projects

5. Simplifying *permitting procedures*

6. Clarification of *EU state aid rules*
Action plan – Building block 3

Broadening funding and financing

7. Earmarking of revenues and cross-financing

8. Monetization of external costs and benefits, and the users-pays principle

9. Facilitation of pooling and blending
Action plan – Building block 4

The wide framework: Financial Regulation, accounting of PPP, stakeholders' involvement & Communication

10. Mitigation of the unintended *impacts of the Regulations on financial markets*

11. Incentivising *statistical treatment of PPPs*

12. Wide *consultation* process and *communication*
Identification of pilot projects

- Work on the basis of the information on corridor projects as identified by corridor consultants (600bn+)

- Goal was to identify with EIB services possible pilot projects on which EIB could test financial instruments, with support of European Coordinators and MS.

- Main criteria used for selection:
  - Maturity: projects ready to start in the next 2 or 3 years
  - Financing plan not concluded but where MS may consider using those instruments
  - Financial structure that could be adapted to FIs
  - Projects not already in EIB pipeline for standard lending or not able to attract competitive financing from market
Identification of pilot projects

- The list of projects is indicative, no guarantee that the projects will be financed by EIB/EC.

- The list of projects is a basis for future work, can be revised if MS have other projects.

- Financing structure is a decision of the MS and project promoters, the pipeline depends upon the political choices.
Follow-up

- Need to act quickly in order to ensure the success of the Juncker Plan and the CEF financial instruments

- Recommendations go beyond transport specific issues, will benefit also energy and telecommunications

- European Commission and Member States should urgently establish a work plan to address these issues

- Blending grants and financial instruments will be key in the success of the Juncker Plan for transport