Transport by rail, road and inland waterway: aid for the coordination

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The European Parliament adopted the the report by Mr Felipe CAMISON ASENSIO (EPP/ED, E) on the granting of aid for the co-ordination of transport by rail, road and inland waterway. However, the report was subject to a number of amendments which aim to improve the commission text: - it was considered inappropriate to impose a three-year limit for the granting of aid for the use of infrastructure. Aid schemes, according to the Parliament, should have a duration of five years, which would give transport undertakings greater legal certainty and enable them to plan with greater confidence; - the Commission itself should monitor the aid and ensure that competition between transport modes and between Member States is not distorted; - short sea shipping, including combined transport operations at sea ports should be brought within the scope of the directive; - passenger transport should also be elgible for aid; - aid should not have to be notified if it does not exceed EUR 100,000 over a three-year period.