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14/04/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0147/2023	Summary
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## Trans-European transport network

2021/0420(COD) - 14/12/2021 - Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE:** to revise the trans-European transport network guidelines to align them with the European Green Deal objectives and the climate targets of the EU Climate Law.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** the TEN-T is an EU-wide network of rail, inland waterways, short-sea shipping routes, and roads. It connects 424 major cities with ports, airports and railway terminals. Transport emissions represent around 25% of the EU's total greenhouse gas emissions, and these emissions have increased over recent years. The European Green Deal therefore calls for a 90% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from transport in order for the Union to become a climate-neutral economy by 2050, while working towards the zero-pollution ambition.

The proposed TEN-T revision seeks to build a reliable, seamless and high quality trans-European transport network which ensures sustainable connectivity throughout the European Union without physical gaps, bottlenecks or missing links by 2050. This network will contribute to the good functioning of the internal market, to the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the EU territory and to the European Green Deal objectives. It should be gradually developed in steps, with intermediate deadlines in 2030 and 2040.

**CONTENT:** the proposed regulation establishes revised guidelines for the development of a trans-European transport network consisting of the comprehensive network and of the core and extended core network, the two latter being established on the basis of the comprehensive network. It identifies: (a) European Transport Corridors of highest strategic importance on the basis of priority sections of the trans-European transport network; (b) projects of common interest and specifies the requirements to be complied with for the development and implementation of the infrastructure of the trans-European transport network.

The main changes made by the proposal compared to the 2013 Regulation concern the following:

- high infrastructure standards for all modes applied throughout the entire network;
- a new **intermediary deadline of 2040** to advance the completion of major parts of the network ahead of the 2050 deadline that applies to the wider, comprehensive network;
- stronger synergies between infrastructure planning and the operation of transport services. Examples include **higher speeds for train services** across the TEN-T network (**160 kilometres per hour for passenger services and 100 kilometres per hour for freight**), maximum waiting times at borders of 15 minutes for rail freight. Another example is guaranteed good navigation status per river basin on the inland waterways on the TEN-T network;
- requirements for the deployment, across the TEN-T network, of the **charging and refuelling infrastructure** needed for alternative transport fuels. This would mean sufficient charging capacity for cars, vans and trucks at **60 kilometres distance** in each direction by 2025 on the core network and by 2030 for the extended core and comprehensive networks;
- providing **safe and secure parking areas** for commercial drivers, equipped with alternative fuels infrastructure;
- use of innovative technologies like 5G to further advance the digitalisation of transport infrastructure, further increasing efficiency, and improving the safety, security and resilience of the network;
- **increased resilience** of the TEN-T network to natural and human-made disasters and efficient and fast deployment of emergency and rescue services, including for persons with disabilities or reduced mobility;
- the requirement for 424 major cities on the TEN-T network to have sustainable urban mobility plans by 2025, to align their mobility developments on the TEN-T network;
- more **transshipment hubs** and multimodal passenger terminals in cities to facilitate multimodality, in particular for the last mile of a passenger or freight journey;
- **connect large airports to rail**, where possible high-speed rail;
- making it possible network-wide for lorries to be transported by trains.

### ***Annexes***

The proposal revises the annexes to contain **detailed maps** of the core, extended core and the comprehensive network, lists of transport and urban nodes in the scope of this Regulation as well as the definition of alignment and maps of the European Transport Corridors. It furthermore contains **indicative maps for the neighbouring countries**.

### ***Budgetary implications***

The administrative costs relative to the baseline have been estimated as being moderate. Expressed as present value over 2021-2050, administrative costs for the public authorities have been estimated at EUR 25.4 million (i.e. EUR 15.8 million for the European Commission and EUR 9.6 million for Member States public authorities).

In addition, the largest part of investments is estimated to originate from public funding (national public funds, EU funds) and would amount to EUR 244.2 billion relative to the baseline, expressed as present value over 2021-2050.

## **Trans-European transport network**

The Commission presented this **amended proposal** for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 and Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulation (EU) 1315/2013.

As a reminder, Regulation (EU) 1315/2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) sets out a European-wide multimodal network of railways, inland waterways and short-sea shipping routes which are linked to urban nodes, maritime and inland ports, airports and terminals across the European Union. The network provides a solid foundation towards building the arteries that are needed for smooth passenger and freight transport flows in and across Europe.

To help tackle the increasing challenges of climate change and the need for greater resilience of the Union's transport infrastructure following the crippling effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission adopted on 14 December 2021 a legislative proposal which revises the TEN-T Regulation of 2013. However, since the adoption of the revised guidelines, the resilience of the European transport network has been put to the test yet again by the devastating impact of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. This has redefined the geopolitical landscape, bringing to the surface our vulnerability to unforeseen disruptive events beyond the Union's borders. Its major impacts on global markets, such as global food security, has highlighted the fact that the Union's internal market and its transport network cannot be viewed in isolation when it comes to shaping Union policy. Better connections with the EU neighbouring partner countries are more than ever needed.

CONTENT: the present amended proposal aims to introduce the following changes to the legislative proposal of 14 December 2021:

- as an immediate response to the requested action communicated in the 'Solidarity Lanes' Communication, an extension of four European Transport Corridors to Ukraine and Moldova is proposed, based on the indicative maps of the core network in these two countries. This regards notably an extension of the North-Sea Baltic Corridor via Lviv and Kyiv to Mariupol, the extension of the Baltic-Black-Aegean Sea Corridor to Odesa via Lviv and via Chişinău as well as an extension of the Baltic Sea-Adriatic Sea and the Rhine-Danube Corridors to Lviv;

- in view of the current geopolitical context, an orientation towards and expansion of the trans-European transport network in Russia and Belarus is no longer valid or desirable. It is therefore proposed to **remove the indicative maps of the trans European transport network in Russia and Belarus** from Annex IV. However, in case of a democratic transition in Belarus building and upgrading the country's cross border connections with the EU in line with the comprehensive economic plan for a democratic Belarus would be a high priority, including through re-inclusion of the country back in the Regulation;

- improved cross-border connections to Russia and Belarus are no longer of high priority on the territory of EU Member States. Connections currently exist from Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland to these two third countries. To reflect the lesser priority in building and upgrading those 'last-mile' connections, it is proposed to **downgrade the last miles of all cross-border connections** currently on the core network to the comprehensive network for which only a later deadline of implementation of 2050 is provided for;

- lastly, several Member States have a railway network with a **different nominal track gauge** than the European standard nominal track gauge of 1 435 mm. The countries concerned are Ireland (1 600 mm gauge), Finland (1 524 mm gauge), Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (1 520 mm gauge) and Portugal and Spain (1 668 mm gauge). Such differences in railway track gauge considerably restrict rail interoperability across the European Union as has been demonstrated by the current crisis in Ukraine and its problems in exporting grains by rail due to its different track gauge. It is therefore proposed, for all Member States with a land rail connection with other Member States, to include a requirement to develop all new TEN-T railway lines with a **European standard nominal track gauge of 1 435 mm** and also to develop a migration plan towards this European standard nominal track gauge for all existing lines of the European Transport Corridors.

## Trans-European transport network

2021/0420(COD) - 14/04/2023 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Barbara THALER (EPP, AT) and Dominique RIQUET (Renew Europe, FR) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council Guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 and Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulation (EU) 1315/2013.

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the proposal as follows:

### ***Objectives of the trans-European transport network***

According to Members, the trans-European transport network should strengthen the social, economic and territorial cohesion of the Union and contribute to the creation of a single European transport area which is sustainable, efficient and resilient and which increases the benefits for its users and supports inclusive growth. It should demonstrate European added value by contributing to:

(a) **sustainability** through: (i) the contribution to the deployment of decarbonisation technologies, including through **alternative fuels** infrastructure, and optimisation of synergies; (ii) promotion of active modes infrastructure;

(b) **efficiency** through: (i) the interoperability of European, national, regional and local transport networks through common European technical and operational rules and standards, technical equipment requirements, staff certification, including such as the use of a single Union-wide language for cross-border rail transport; (ii) optimisation of the capacity of the rail network; (iii) continuous and efficient **maintenance programmes**; (iv) greater coordination on infrastructure works between Member State for cross-border projects; (v) **eliminating bottle-necks** sections, in particular for cross-border links.

### ***Resource-efficient, resilient network and environmental protection***

The trans-European transport network should be planned, developed and operated in a resource-efficient way, complying with the applicable Union and national environmental requirements, through: (i) the development and application of common European rules for implementation of **common projects** especially in cross border sections; (ii) the optimisation of infrastructure integration and interconnection in order to foster **multimodality**; (iii) the taking into account of possible **synergies** with other networks, including active modes, in particular the trans-European energy or telecommunication networks including the whole electric grid in order to ensure consistency between the recharge infrastructure planning and the respective grid planning; (iv) synergies with the EuroVelo network or network identified in EU Military Requirements for Military Mobility.

### ***Sustainable transport***

The report advocated for unified technical and operational standards for each transport mode and stressed that intermodal transport should be primarily done by rail, inland waterways or short-sea shipping, while any initial and/or final legs can be carried out by road. This should translate into fully electrified railways in the core TEN-T network, running with at least of **160 km/h passenger and 100 km/h cargo trains**, which could cross internal EU borders in less than 15 minutes by the end of 2030.

### ***Cooperation with third countries***

The report noted that the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MMF) 2028-2035, a budget envelope dedicated to “external transport” should be created in the CEF III, in order to increase cooperation with third countries in terms of cross-border projects and infrastructure deployment. That new financial envelope shall be at least 30 % of the amount of the current CEF programme and should be provided under Heading 5 (Security and Defence) and Heading 6 (Neighbourhood and the world) of the MFF.

### ***General priorities for the European Transport Corridors***

In the development of the European Transport Corridors, general priority should be given to measures that are necessary for: (i) the deployment of ICT systems on all modes on the network in order to ensure an efficient use of the infrastructure; (ii) the improvement of connections between the trans-European transport network and the infrastructure networks of neighbouring countries, as well as the improvement of trans-European transport infrastructure on the territory of neighbouring countries.

### ***Urban nodes requirements***

Given the import role played by urban nodes, Members set out provisions to ensure that capacity bottlenecks and insufficient connectivity within urban nodes do not hamper multimodality along the TEN-T, while fully taking into account the diverse challenges of each urban node and the principle of subsidiarity.

Lastly, Member States are called on to adopt sustainable urban mobility plans by the end of 2025 to integrate different transport modes, including cycling or active mobility, reduce congestion and improve road safety. This plan should become one of the conditions to get EU funding.

## **Trans-European transport network**

2021/0420(COD) - 28/06/2024 - Final act

PURPOSE: coordinated creation and development of the trans-European transport network to ensure sustainable connectivity in Europe.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2024/1679 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, amending Regulations (EU) 2021/1153 and (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013.

CONTENT: this revised regulation regarding **EU guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T)** aims to build a reliable, seamless, and high-quality transport network that ensures sustainable connectivity across Europe without physical interruptions, bottlenecks, and missing links.

### ***Objectives of the trans-European transport network***

The overall objective of the development of the trans-European transport network is to establish a **single multimodal Union wide transport network of high quality**. It will demonstrate European added value by contributing to objectives falling within at least two of the four categories:

(a) **sustainability**, notably through the promotion of low and zero-emission mobility and greater use of more sustainable modes of transport, in particular by developing an interoperable long-distance rail passenger network, including high-speed rail, and an interoperable rail freight network, a reliable network of inland waterways and short sea shipping for the transport of passengers and freight throughout the Union;

(b) **cohesion**, in particular through accessibility and connectivity of all regions of the Union, taking particular account of the outermost regions and other remote, insular, peripheral and mountain regions, as well as sparsely populated areas;

(c) **efficiency**, in particular through the elimination of infrastructure bottlenecks and the creation of missing links;

(d) **increasing the benefits for its users** by ensuring accessibility for users, taking particular account of the needs of people in vulnerable situations, including people with disabilities or reduced mobility.

### ***Gradual development of the trans-European transport network***

The trans-European transport network will be gradually developed in three steps: (a) the completion of a core network by 31 December 2030; (b) the completion of an extended core network by 31 December **2040**; and, (c) the completion of a comprehensive network by 31 December **2050**.

### ***European corridors***

The regulation defines European transport corridors of the highest strategic importance on the basis of priority sections of the trans-European transport network and projects of common interest. The new regulation creates **nine 'European transport corridors'**: 1) Atlantic; 2) Baltic Sea - Black Sea - Aegean Sea; 3) Baltic - Adriatic; 4) Mediterranean; 5) North Sea - Rhine - Mediterranean; 6) North Sea - Baltic; 7) Rhine - Danube; 8) Scandinavia - Mediterranean; 9) Western Balkans - Eastern Mediterranean.

### ***Projects of common interest***

Projects of common interest will contribute to the development of the trans-European transport network by creating of new transport infrastructure, modernising existing transport infrastructure or through measures to promote the resource-efficient use of the network. They will have to be carried out in compliance with relevant Union and national law, and in particular with Union law on the environment, climate protection, safety, security, competition, state aid, public procurement, public health and accessibility.

Member States will decide how to prioritise projects of common interest in line with realistic technical and priority requirements aiming to a unified, high-performant, and fully interoperable infrastructure to contribute to the decarbonisation of the transport sector and its multimodality. These requirements, as set out by the new regulation, are proportionate to the expected benefits, to the functionalities and to the required investments by the Member States.

### ***Rail transport infrastructure***

The regulation recognised the importance of railways in the shift to sustainable modes of transport and agreed new requirements that could generally contribute to the modal shift and to a better performance of the future TEN-T railway network. Provisions on: (i) the deployment of the European rail traffic management system (ERTMS); (ii) the extended core and comprehensive network, (iii) the migration to **European standard nominal track gauge** (1 435 mm), (iv) the increase of the number of **740-meter-long** freight trains, and (v) the 160km/h minimum line speed for passenger trains, were provided with a view to ensuring sufficient capacity and smooth rail transport operations without interruption on the whole TEN-T network.

The rail freight governance should make all possible efforts to ensure that the dwelling time of freight trains crossing a border between two Member States does **not exceed 25 minutes** on average and that most trains crossing at least one border of a European Transport Corridor arrive at their destination or at the external Union border at their scheduled time or with a delay of less than 30 minutes.

### ***Road transport***

The regulation stipulates that all core and extended core network roads will be specially designed, built or upgraded for motor traffic providing separate carriage ways for the two directions of traffic, separated from each other by a dividing strip not intended for traffic or, exceptionally, by other means. Furthermore, the co-legislators agreed on the deployment of **safe and secure parking areas** on the core and extended core network to guarantee better working conditions and rest for professional drivers. Such areas will be deployed within an average maximum distance of 150km on the core and the extended core network.

### ***Urban nodes***

Member States will ensure the availability of recharging and refuelling infrastructures for alternative fuels, and by 31 December 2027 at the latest, the adoption and monitoring of a **sustainable urban mobility plan** (SUMP) for each urban node including, among other things, measures aimed at integrating different modes of transport and moving towards sustainable mobility, promoting efficient mobility with zero or low emissions, and reducing air and noise pollution.

### ***Air transport infrastructure***

The new regulation supports the objective of improving the connectivity of airports with rail transport services. Airports of major European cities with a total annual passenger traffic of **more than 12 million passengers** will be therefore connected to the trans-European railway network, including the high-speed railway network where possible, allowing long-distance services by 31 December 2040.

### ***Governance***

The **European Coordinators**, who are tasked by the Commission with coordinating the decisions and actions of the Member States and other relevant stakeholders, will continue to set the course for the implementation of the TEN-T corridors and horizontal priorities and to involve a wide range of stakeholders throughout the completion of the TEN-T network.

Lastly, in response to the impact of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and to ensure better connectivity with key neighbouring countries, the new regulation extends four European Transport Corridors of the TEN-T network to **Ukraine and Moldova** whilst downgrading cross-border connections with Russia and Belarus.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 18.7.2024.

## **Trans-European transport network**

2021/0420(COD) - 24/04/2024 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 567 votes to 35, with 29 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 and Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulation (EU) 1315/2013.

The European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure amends the proposal as follows:

### ***Objectives of the trans-European transport network***

The trans-European transport network should demonstrate European added value by contributing to the objectives laid down in the following four categories:

**(1) Sustainability** through: (i) the promotion of zero and low emission mobility; (ii) a greater use of more sustainable modes of transport, in particular by further developing an interoperable long-distance rail passenger network, including at high speed, and an interoperable rail freight network, a reliable inland waterway and short-sea shipping network for passengers and freight across the Union; (iii) increased environmental protection; (iv) the reduction of negative externalities, including those related to the environment, climate, health, congestion and accidents, for instance by means of eco-incentives schemes;

**(2) Cohesion** through: (i) accessibility and connectivity of all regions of the Union, paying particular attention to outermost regions and other remote, insular, peripheral and mountainous regions, as well as sparsely populated areas; (ii) the reduction of infrastructure quality gaps, and the promotion of interoperability between digital systems of all transport modes, with adequate network capacity between regions and Member States;

**(3) Efficiency** through: (i) the removal of infrastructure bottlenecks and the bridging of missing links, both within transport infrastructures and at connecting points between them, within Member States' territories and between them, in particular at cross-border sections, and connecting, where appropriate, to the trans-European transport network in third countries;

**(4) Increasing the benefits for its users** through: (i) ensuring the accessibility for users and meeting their mobility and transport needs, taking into account in particular the needs of people in situations of vulnerability, including persons with disabilities or reduced mobility and people living in remote regions.

The trans-European transport network should be gradually developed in three steps: (a) the completion of a core network by 31 December 2030; (b) the completion of an extended core network by 31 December 2040; and,

(c) the completion of a comprehensive network by 31 December 2050.

### ***European Transport Corridors***

The **nine European Transport Corridors** specified in the maps set out in Annex III are, namely: (i) Atlantic; (ii) Baltic Sea – Black Sea – Aegean Sea; (iii) Baltic Sea – Adriatic Sea; (iv) Mediterranean; (v) North Sea – Rhine – Mediterranean; (vi) North Sea – Baltic; (vii) Rhine – Danube; (viii) Scandinavian – Mediterranean; (ix) Western Balkans – Eastern Mediterranean.

### ***Transport infrastructure requirements for the comprehensive network***

Member States should ensure that, by 31 December 2050, the railway infrastructure of the comprehensive network, except certain connections: (i) is **fully electrified** as regards line tracks and; and (ii) enables, without special permission, the operation of freight trains with a train length of at least 740 m (including the locomotive or locomotives).

### ***Transport infrastructure requirements for the core network and the extended core network***

Member States should ensure that, by 31 December 2040:

- for rail sections linking the multimodal freight terminals of two urban nodes or the multimodal freight terminal of an urban node and a border crossing point, over 75 % of the length of each rail section, is designed for a speed of at least 100 km/h for freight trains on the freight lines of the extended core network;

- for rail sections linking the multimodal passenger hubs of two urban nodes or the multimodal passenger hubs of an urban node and a border crossing point, over 75 % of the length of each rail section is designed for a speed of at least **160 km/h for passenger trains** on the passenger lines of the extended core network.

The Rail Freight governance should make all possible efforts to ensure by 31 December 2030, that the dwelling time of freight trains crossing a border between two Member States does not exceed **25 minutes on average** and that most trains crossing at least one border of a European Transport Corridor arrive at their destination or at the external Union border at their scheduled time or with a delay of less than 30 minutes.

Member States should, by 31 December 2040, ensure the development of safe and secure parking areas along the roads of the core network and extended core network, or within 3 km driving distance from the nearest exit of the road of the trans-European network, with an **average maximum distance of 150 km** between two such areas, providing sufficient parking space for commercial vehicles.

**Major European airports** (processing more than 12 million annual passengers) will be connected to the trans-European railway network.

### ***End cooperation with Russia - focus on Ukraine***

Because of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, and the position adopted by Belarus in that conflict, cooperation between the Union and Russia and Belarus in the field of the trans-European transport network policy is neither appropriate or in the interest of the Union. Hence, the trans-European transport network in those two third countries should be discontinued. As a consequence, improved cross-border connections to Russia and Belarus are **no longer of high priority** on the territory of the Member States.

The new geopolitical context arising from Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine showed how important seamless transport connections are within the Union's territory and with neighbouring countries.

A railway track gauge different from that of the **European standard nominal track gauge of 1 435 mm** severely hampers the interoperability of the railway networks across the Union and even impacts the competitiveness of those isolated railway networks. New railway lines of the core network or extended core network should therefore be built in European standard nominal track gauge of 1 435 mm.

***Military mobility***

EU governments should take into account military needs (weight or size of military transport) when constructing or upgrading infrastructure that overlaps with military transport networks, to ensure the seamless transfer of troops and equipment. Within one year after the entry into force of the rules, the Commission should conduct a study on short-notice large-scale movements across the EU, to facilitate military mobility planning.