TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR A WIDER EUROPE

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SESSION 1 – PLANNING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

KEY POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

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1) What are the main links between the enlarged EU and the Wider Europe (countries surrounding the enlarged EU including the Mediterranean)?

2) What will be the impact of the EU enlargement on infrastructure planning in the Wider Europe? How should the corridor concept be developed in the future? How would future corridors connect with the main Euro-Asian links?

3) According to the policies defined in the Commission White Paper for transport policy, the modal split should be shifted in favour of rail and inland waterway transport. Should future investments be focused on rail and waterborne transport? How can intermodality best be used?

4) What institutional, regulatory and organizational measures would be needed to ensure a greater capacity and competitiveness of rail transport? Should railways in future ensure both passenger and freight traffic on the same lines? Would it be reasonable to plan a dedicated freight rail network/corridors to connect the EU with the Wider Europe?

5) How can the concept of “Motorways of the Sea” be developed for links between EU, the Wider Europe and beyond? What are the main sea links and ports, now and what is the forecast?

6) How will new technology influence the need for future transport infrastructure? How can existing infrastructure be better used (regulatory measures, border crossing facilitation, traffic management systems etc)?

7) Outside the EU exists a variety of methodologies and data collection strategies for planning of transport infrastructure. Is there a need to harmonise these processes? Who would be best placed to do this exercise in a coherent and efficient way? How can the various actors complement each other?