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Key Points
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STRUCTURE FOR DISCUSSION

- Transport Policy Framework
- Corridors: Lessons and Proposals
- Financing Issues
- Other Points
A sector using market principles with high safety / environment standards:

- Railway Reform
- Harmonization / Interoperability
- Liberalise
Incentives and Policy to support use of alternatives to roads
Investment and Operations to be more integrated
Transport Policy Framework

Investment Decisions to use Economic Analysis (CBA, MCA, ...)

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CORRIDORS; WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

IDEA USEFUL

- Helped International Co-operation
- Focussed Efforts
- Framework for Projects
CORRIDORS; WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

BUT

⇒ Political not Economic Selection
⇒ Progress uneven - including Soft Measures
⇒ Weaknesses in Structures
⇒ Accent on Interurban
RECOMMEND TO RETAIN AND DEVELOP CONCEPT
CORRIDORS

STARTING POINTS

- Demand Based (not bottom up)
- Existing 10 Corridors. PETRAS?
- Extend to Cover
  China, Russia, Central Asia, Middle East and Mediterranean
- More Accent on Maritime
  (MOTORWAYS OF SEA)
- More on NODES
- STRONGER and BROADER Management
  (IFIs, Shippers, Coordinators? Agencies? Soft Measures)
- Develop Priority Projects along the Corridor
CORRIDORS

HOW TO PROCEED

⇒ SET UP Group under Aegis of Commission
⇒ Involve Countries, IFIS, International Organisations
⇒ Consult with existing Corridors
⇒ Prepare traffic and economic data
⇒ Plan other preliminary work (studies...)
⇒ Be flexible (standards, structures...)
⇒ Start: End 2004?
CORRIDORS

MORE REFLECTION NEEDED

- How to Integrate TEM, TER?
- TENS and CORRIDORS
- Discussion of priorities (Van Miert vs Corridors, Road vs Rail)
- Resources
FINANCING

ADVICE TO COUNTRIES

- Need National Investment Plans and Political Commitment
- Public Funds Main Source
- Prepare Portfolio of Projects for External Funders
- Seek Dedicated Funds (tolls, fuel tax, road funds, vignettes)
- Look to Develop PPPs
- Develop Skills and Retain People
- Maintenance first, then rehab, then new
FINANCING

IFIS AND COMMISSION

- Procedures Streamlined / Rules on PPPs
- Technical Assistance/ Learning; Share Experiences
OTHER POINTS

DATA: Improve Investment Data

RESEARCH: Forecast Trade Flows
Methods to Assess Priorities