

GREECE



What are the key benefits?

Greece has one TEN-T Core Network Corridor crossing its territory.

The Orient/East-Med Corridor connects the maritime interfaces of the North, Baltic, Black and Mediterranean Seas, allowing optimising the use of the ports concerned and the related Motorways of the Sea. Including Elbe as inland waterway, it will improve the multimodal connections between Northern Germany, the Czech Republic, the Pannonian region and Southeast Europe. It continues, across the sea, from Greece to Cyprus.

The multimodal TEN-T Core Network with the Core Network Corridors will contribute strongly to European cohesion and strengthen the internal market. A more competitive economy will produce higher employment. Enhanced multimodality on a better rail, inland waterways and maritime infrastructure within the multimodal TEN-T, as well as innovative technologies in the field of transport, will induce modal shift, reduce congestion on road, cut emissions of greenhouse and polluting gases and boost transport safety and security.

The corridors and key projects which contribute to completing them are set out below.



The new infrastructure policy in Europe

Transport is vital to the European economy, without good connections Europe will not grow or prosper. The new EU infrastructure policy will put in place a powerful European transport network across 28 Member States to promote growth and competitiveness. It will connect East with West and replace today's transport patchwork with a network that is genuinely European.

The new policy triples EU financing to 26€ billion for transport for the period 2014-2020, at the same time it refocuses transport financing on a tightly defined new core network. The core network will form the backbone for transportation in Europe's Single Market. It will remove bottlenecks, upgrade infrastructure and streamline cross border transport operations for passengers and businesses throughout the EU. Its implementation will be pushed ahead by the setting up of 9 major transport corridors that will bring together Member States and stakeholders and will allow to concentrate tight resources and achieve results.

The new core TEN-T network will be supported by a comprehensive network of routes, feeding into the core network at regional and national level. The aim is to ensure that progressively, and by 2050, the great majority of Europe's citizens and businesses will be no more than 30 minutes' travel time from this comprehensive network.

Taken as a whole, the new transport network will deliver:

- safer and less congested travel
- as well as smoother and quicker journeys.

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Vidin – Sofia – Burgas/TR border	Rail	studies and works Vidin – Sofia – Thessaloniki - Athens; upgrading Sofia – Burgas/TR border
Sofia – Thessaloniki – Athens/Piraeus	Port	Infrastructure upgrading and development, multimodal interconnections
Thessaloniki, Igoumenitsa	Port, MoS	port capacity and multimodal interconnections
Athens/Piraeus/Heraklion – Lemesos	Port	Port interconnections, (further) development of multimodal platforms
Patras	Rail	studies and works, port interconnections
Athina - Patras	Rail	cross-border section, works ongoing, new line completed by 2015, upgrading existing line (gauge, sidings, platforms)

Key transport nodes on the TEN-T Network

Ioannina – Kakavia (EL/AL border)	Cross-Border	Road	Studies
Kleidi – Polikastro – Evzonoi (EL/FYROM border)	Cross-Border	Road	Upgrading
Serres – Promahonas – EL/BG border	Cross-Border	Road	works ongoing
Alexandroupoli – Kipoi EL/TR border	Cross-Border	Road	Studies and works
Rail Egnatia	Bottleneck	Rail	studies ongoing
Heraklion	Other Core Network	Airport, compined transport infrastructure/ systems	Studies and construction works, upgrade and development infrastructure, multimodal interconnections

For more information:

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/infrastructure/index_en.htm
http://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/infrastructure/revision-t_en.htm
http://ec.europa.eu/transport/infrastructure/tentec/tentec-portal/site/index_en.htm