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RAPPORT

fra:	Generalsekretariatet for Rådet
til:	De Faste Repræsentanternes Komité/Rådet
Tidl. dok. nr.:	8687/1/19 REV 1
Vedr.:	Forslag til Europa-Parlamentets og Rådets forordning om forenkling af foranstaltninger til fremme af gennemførelsen af det transeuropæiske transportnet – Situationsrapport

I. FORSLAGETS BAGGRUND OG INDHOLD

1. Den 17. maj 2018 forelagde Kommissionen ovennævnte forslag for Europa-Parlamentet og Rådet som led i den tredje pakke om "Et mobilt Europa", der skal gøre Europas transportsystemer sikrere, renere og mere effektive og lettilgængelige.
2. Forslagets primære formål er at forenkle regler for udstedelse af tilladelser med henblik på at lette fuldførelsen af det transeuropæiske transportnet (TEN-T). Desuden sigtes der mod at skabe øget klarhed om de procedurer, som projektiværksætterne skal følge, navnlig med hensyn til udstedelse af tilladelser, offentlige udbud og andre procedurer.

3. Forslaget sigter mod at nå sit vigtigste mål ved:
- at etablere én kompetent myndighed (kvikskranke), der er ansvarlig for hele processen og fungerer som et centralt kontaktpunkt for projektiværksættere og andre investorer
 - at etablere integrerede procedurer, der fører til én samlet afgørelse
 - at fastsætte frister for en procedure i to faser med en maksimal tidsramme på tre år.

II. ARBEJDET I ANDRE INSTITUTIONER

4. I Europa-Parlamentet blev Transport- og Turismeudvalget (TRAN) udpeget som det ansvarlige udvalg for denne sag, og Dominique Riquet (ALDE, FR) blev udpeget til ordfører. Parlamentet stemte om betænkningen og vedtog sin førstebehandlingsholdning den 13. februar 2019.
5. Det Europæiske Økonomiske og Sociale Udvalg vedtog sin udtalelse på plenarmødet den 17. oktober 2018.
6. Regionsudvalget vedtog sin udtalelse den 7. februar 2019.

III. STATUS OVER ARBEJDET I RÅDET

7. Gruppen vedrørende Transport - Intermodale Spørgsmål og Net påbegyndte sit arbejde i juni 2018 med en generel forelæggelse af forslaget og konsekvensanalysen af det. Gruppen behandlede forslaget på yderligere tre møder fra juli til oktober 2018, hvilket resulterede i en situationsrapport¹, som den 3. december 2018 blev forelagt for Rådet.
8. Formandskabet fortsatte sit arbejde og har fra februar til maj 2019 afsat seks møder til detaljeret gennemgang af sagen på grundlag af forskellige kompromistekster. Kompromisteksterne havde generelt til formål at skabe større klarhed og fleksibilitet for en række bestemmelsers vedkommende for at sikre, at der tages bedre hensyn til de særlige forhold ved de nationale tilladelsesprocedurer, som varierer meget fra medlemsstat til medlemsstat.

¹ 14226/18.

9. På gruppens møde den 10. maj forelagde formandskabet på opfordring fra alle delegationer et kompromis², som ændrer forslagens retlige karakter fra en forordning til et direktiv. Kompromiset indførte en betydelig grad af forenkling og fleksibilitet for medlemsstaterne til at anvende de fleste af deres eksisterende nationale tilladelsesprocedurer. Den kompetente myndighed defineres som det centrale kontaktpunkt for projektivrksætteren og skal have en formidlende rolle i forbindelse med tilladelsesproceduren, uden at dette berører kompetencen hos andre myndigheder, der er involveret i proceduren. Desuden indførte kompromiset en overordnet frist på fire år for gennemførelse af tilladelsesproceduren. Dette kompromis anså alle medlemsstater for et stort skridt i den rigtige retning.
10. Der er imidlertid en række spørgsmål, som kræver yderligere arbejde på teknisk niveau. De **centrale spørgsmål** kan sammenfattes som følger:
- a) **Anvendelsesområde (artikel 1):** Formandskabets kompromis omhandler projekter vedrørende hovednetkorridorerne i TEN-T og fastsætter en mulighed for at udvide anvendelsesområdet til andre projekter på hovednettet og det samlede net. Den nuværende formulering, der giver mulighed for et bredere anvendelsesområde, syntes at have tilslutning fra de fleste delegationer. Nogle andre delegationer foretrak dog at begrænse anvendelsesområdet til kun at omfatte projekter af grænseoverskridende karakter, mens nogle få foreslog andre løsninger.
 - b) **Kompetent myndighed (artikel 2, litra d), og artikel 5):** I formandskabets kompromis forstås den kompetente myndigheds rolle som "det centrale kontaktpunkt" for projektivrksætteren, og den fungerer som "formidler" under tilladelsesproceduren. Nogle delegationer anmodede om yderligere præcisering, navnlig med hensyn til den kompetente myndigheds rolle, ansvar og opgaver.

² 8687/19 + REV 1.

- c) **Tilladelsesprocedurens varighed (artikel 6):** Formandskabets kompromis fastsætter en frist på fire år for gennemførelse af tilladelsesproceduren. Flere delegationer understregede, at sandsynligheden for overholdelse af denne frist afhænger direkte af spørgsmålet om, hvilke tilladelser der skal opnås i den fireårige periode, og hvilke der falder uden for direktivets anvendelsesområde. I denne forbindelse støttede nogle kraftigt udelukkelsen af visse tilladelsesprocedurer fra anvendelsesområdet, f.eks. fysisk planlægning og miljørelaterede konsekvensanalyser, med den begrundelse, at disse processer er komplekse og langvarige og sandsynligvis vil medføre forsinkelser, hvilket gør det meget svært eller endda umuligt at overholde den foreslåede frist.
- d) **Tilrettelæggelse af tilladelsesproceduren (artikel 6a):** Formandskabets kompromis giver medlemsstaterne fleksibilitet til at gennemføre tilladelsesproceduren i overensstemmelse med deres særlige nationale forhold, men bevarer idéen om en udførlig beskrivelse af ansøgningen, der skal udarbejdes af den kompetente myndighed. Nogle delegationer nærede tvivl om merværdien af den udførlige beskrivelse af ansøgningen, idet den nationale lovgivning i denne henseende fastlægger klare krav til iværksætterne.

Endvidere anmodede medlemsstaterne om en præcisering af indledningen af proceduren og de dokumenter, som iværksætteren skal fremlægge i forbindelse med anmeldelsen af projektet.

e) **Andre spørgsmål:**

- **Prioriteret status (artikel 3):** Nogle delegationer udtrykte betænkelighed med hensyn til muligheden for at gennemføre denne bestemmelse.
- **Fastlæggelse af tilladelsesproceduren (artikel 4):** Hvad angår den forpligtelse, som medlemsstaternes myndigheder har til at foretage vurderinger af miljøpåvirkningerne, og som samtidig er fastsat i anden relevant EU-lovgivning, understregede nogle delegationer, at medlemsstaternes myndigheder ud over fælles procedurer også bør have mulighed for at anvende koordinerede procedurer.

- **Europæiske koordinatore (artikel 7):** For så vidt angår de europæiske koordinators rolle i tilladelsesproceduren for projekter, som involverer to eller flere medlemsstater, understregede nogle få delegationer, at denne bestemmelse skal være i overensstemmelse med artikel 45 i TEN-T-forordningen³, og de insisterede på at undgå, at de europæiske koordinatore tildes nye opgaver og ansvarsområder.
- **Gennemførelse (artikel 10a):** Formandskabets kompromis fastsætter en overgangsperiode på 24 måneder. Denne periode syntes at have tilslutning fra et flertal af delegationerne, selv om nogle få havde foretrukket en længere periode, f.eks. 36 måneder.

IV. KONKLUSIONER

11. På dette stadium har to delegationer taget parlamentarisk undersøgelsesforbehold. Et flertal af delegationerne har opretholdt et undersøgelsesforbehold over for det seneste formandskabskompromis, som er vedlagt denne rapport.
12. Drøftelserne på teknisk niveau har vist, at ovenstående spørgsmål skal behandles under det kommende formandskab, for at der kan gøres yderligere fremskridt og opnås enighed om denne sag. Delegationerne har imidlertid værdsat formandskabets arbejde med at gøre fremskridt med sagen, og formandskabet mener, at kompromiset udgør et solidt grundlag for det fremtidige arbejde med forslaget.
13. I lyset af ovenstående opfordres de Faste Repræsentanternes Komité og Rådet til at notere sig de fremskridt, der er gjort i forbindelse med gennemgangen af forslaget.

³ Europa-Parlamentets og Rådets forordning (EU) nr. 1315/2013 af 11. december 2013 om Unionens retningslinjer for udvikling af det transeuropæiske transportnet og om ophævelse af afgørelse nr. 661/2010/EU (EUT L 348 af 20.12.2013, s. 1).

*Proposal for a

**DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
on streamlining measures for advancing the realisation of the trans-European transport
network**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 172 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee⁴,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions⁵,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,

Whereas:

* This text is identical to the annex of doc. 8687/1/19 REV 1 presented to the intermodal WP on 17 May 2019.

⁴ OJ C , , p. .

⁵ OJ C , , p. .

- (1) Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁶ sets out a common framework for the creation of state-of-the-art, interoperable networks for the development of the Internal Market. The trans-European transport networks (TEN-T) have a dual layer structure: the comprehensive network ensures connectivity of all regions of the Union, whereas the core network consists of those elements of the comprehensive network which are of the highest strategic importance for the Union. Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 defines binding completion targets for implementation, with the core network to be completed by 2030 and the comprehensive network by 2050.
- (2) Notwithstanding the necessity and binding timelines, experience has shown that many investments aiming to complete the TEN-T are confronted with complex permit granting procedures, cross-border procurement procedures and other procedures. This situation jeopardises the on time implementation of projects and in many cases results in significant delays and increased costs. In order to address these issues and make synchronised TEN-T completion possible, harmonised action is necessary at Union level.
- (2a) This Directive should cover project related procedures, including for instance the environmental impact assessment [...] . However, the Directive should be without prejudice to the steps undertaken at strategic level and which are not project related, such as strategic environmental assessment, public budgetary planning as well as national or regional transport plans, strategic land planning. **In order to increase the efficiency and ensure high quality project documentation, preparatory works such as preliminary studies and reports should be carried out before the start of the permit granting procedure.**

⁶ Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 1).

- (3) Priority treatment should be given to projects covered by this Directive. [...] Priority treatment [...] **might provide for** shorter timelines, simultaneous procedures or limited timeframes for appeals while ensuring that the objectives of other horizontal policies are also reached. **In the legal frameworks of many Member States priority treatment is given to certain project categories based on their strategic importance for the economy.** When such a framework exists within a national legal framework, it should automatically apply to projects [...] **within the scope of the directive.**
- (4) In order to improve the effectiveness of the environmental assessments and streamline the decision-making process , where the obligation to carry out assessments related to environmental issues of core network projects arises simultaneously from Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU, and from other Union legislation such as Directive 92/43/EEC, Directive 2009/147/EC, Directive 2000/60/EC, Directive 2008/98/EC, Directive 2010/75/EU **and** [...] Directive 2012/18/EU [...] , Member States should ensure that a joint procedure fulfilling the requirements of these Directives is provided.
- (5) Projects on the core network corridors should be supported by efficient permit granting procedures to make clear management of the overall procedure possible and to provide a main entry point for [...] **project promoters.** Member States should designate a **single** competent authority in accordance with their national legal frameworks and administrative set-ups **and type of project.**
- (6) The [...] **designation** of a single competent authority at national level acting as the main point of contact for the project promoter for all permit granting procedures should reduce the complexity, improve the efficiency and increase the transparency of the procedures. It should also enhance the cooperation between Member States where appropriate. The procedures should promote a real cooperation between [...] **project promoters** and the single competent authority.

- (6a) The single competent authority may also be entrusted with tasks related to the coordination and the authorisation, in compliance with Union and national legislation, of specific projects of common interest aiming at the reconstruction of infrastructure on the core network of the trans-European transport network in the case of natural or man-made disasters.
- (7) The procedure set out by this Directive should be without prejudice to the fulfilment of the requirements defined in the international and Union law, including provisions to protect the environment and human health.
- (8) Given the urgency to complete the TEN-T core network, the simplification of permit granting procedures should be accompanied by a time limit within which competent authorities responsible should take an authorising decision to build the transport infrastructure. This time limit should stimulate a more efficient handling of procedures and should, under no circumstances, compromise the Union's high standards for environmental protection and public participation.
- (9) Member States should endeavour to ensure that appeals challenging the substantive or procedural legality of an authorising decision are handled in the most efficient way possible.
- (10) [...] TEN-T infrastructure projects **that involve two or more Member States** face particular challenges as regards the coordination of permit granting procedures. The European Coordinators should be informed about these procedures in order to facilitate their synchronisation and completion.

- (11) Public procurement in cross-border projects of common interest should be conducted in accordance with the Treaty and Directives 2014/25/EU and/or 2014/24/EU. In order to ensure the efficient completion of the cross-border core network projects of common interest, public procurement carried out by a joint entity should be subject to a single national legislation. By way of derogation from the Union public procurement legislation, the applicable national rules should in principle be those of the Member State where the joint entity has its registered office. It should remain possible to define the applicable legislation in an intergovernmental agreement. For reasons of legal certainty, Member States participating in a joint entity set up before [entry into force of Directive] may jointly decide that current procurement strategies remain applicable for that joint entity. **For reasons of legal certainty, current procurement strategies should remain applicable for a joint entity set up before [entry into force of Directive] if the Member States concerned do not agree otherwise.**
- (12) The Commission is not systematically involved in the authorisation of individual projects. However, in some cases, certain aspects of the project preparation are subject to clearance at Union level. Where the Commission is involved in the procedures, it will give priority treatment to the Union projects of common interest and ensure certainty for project promoters. In some cases State aid approval might be required. In line with the Best Practice Code for the conduct of State aid control procedures, Member States may ask the Commission to deal with projects of the TEN-T they consider to be of priority with more predictable timelines under the case portfolio approach or the mutually agreed planning.
- (13) The implementation of infrastructure projects on the TEN-T core network should be also supported by Commission guidelines that bring more clarity as regards the implementation of certain types of projects while respecting the Union acquis. For example the Action Plan for nature, people and the economy⁷ foresees such guidance to bring more clarity in view of respecting the Birds and Habitats Directives. Direct support related to public procurement should be made available for projects of common interests to ensure the best value for public money⁸.

⁷ COM(2017) 198 final.

⁸ COM(2017) 573 final

- (14) Since the objectives of this Directive cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States and can therefore, by reason of the need for coordination of those objectives, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Directive does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.
- (15) For reasons of legal certainty, the permit granting procedures which started prior to the transposition of this Directive should not be subject to the provisions of this Directive.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

CHAPTER I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Subject matter and scope

1. This Directive shall apply to the permit granting procedures required in order to authorise the implementation of projects on the core network corridors of the trans-European transport network.
2. Member States may decide to extend the application of this Directive to other projects on the core and comprehensive network of the trans-European transport network.

Article 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Directive, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) "authorising decision" means the [...] **decision or a set of decisions according to national legal and administrative systems that determines whether or not a project promoter is entitled to proceed with the project implementation, without prejudice to any decision taken in the context of an administrative appeal procedure; the decision or set of decisions may be taken** simultaneously or successively [...] by a Member State authority or authorities, not including courts or tribunals [...];

- (b) "permit granting procedures" means any procedure [...] that has to be followed or step that has to be taken **related to an individual project** as required by the authorities of a Member State, under Union or national law, before the project promoter can implement the project. [...] **It shall** not include [...] procedures for the award of public procurements **nor steps undertaken at strategic level and which are not project related, such as strategic environmental assessment, public budgetary planning as well as national or regional transport plans, and strategic land use planning;**
- (b)(i) "Project" means the construction, **adaptation** or modification of a defined section in the transport infrastructure, which leads to improvement of capacity, **safety** and efficiency of the infrastructure and whose implementation requires a permit granting procedure;
- (c) "Project promoter" means the applicant for authorisation of a project implementation or the public authority which initiates a project [...];
- (d) "single competent authority" means the authority, which is the main point of contact for the project promoter and is responsible for facilitating the permit granting procedures in accordance with this Directive;
- (e) [...]

CHAPTER II – PERMIT GRANTING

Article 3

Priority status

Member States shall **endeavour** [...] to ensure that all authorities **[...] involved in the permit granting procedure, excluding courts and tribunals,** give priority to projects covered by this Directive.

Where specific permit granting procedures for priority projects exist under national law, Member States shall, without prejudice to the requirements and time-limits of this Directive, ensure that projects covered by this Directive are treated under these procedures.

This shall be without prejudice to budgetary decisions.

Article 4

Provision of a permit granting procedure

14. Member States shall provide for a permit granting procedure resulting in the authorising decision, in order to meet the time limit set out in Article 6.
15. In the case of projects for which the obligation to carry out assessments of the effects on the environment arises simultaneously from Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council and **Council Directive 92/43/EEC, Directive 2009/147/EC , and/or** other **relevant environmental** Union [...] **legislation**, Member States shall ensure that joint procedures within the meaning of Article 2(3) of Directive 2011/92/EU are provided for.

Single Competent Authority

1. The Member State shall ensure that a single competent authority is responsible for facilitating the permit granting procedure for a project leading to the authorising decision.
 2. The Member State shall designate a single competent authority at the appropriate administrative level. Member States may, where relevant, designate different authorities as the single competent authority per project or category of projects, **transport mode**, or per geographical area provided that **there is** only one **single competent** authority [...] per project.
 3. [...]
 4. The responsibilities of the single competent authority shall consist of the following principles:
 - (a) It is the main point of contact for the project promoter in the procedure leading to the Authorising decision for a given project;
 - (b) It provides the Detailed Application Outline to the project promoter, including the time-limits within the permit granting procedures, in line with the time limit set out in accordance with Article 6;
 - (c) It [...] **advises** the project promoter in the submission of all relevant documents and information.
- The responsibilities of the single competent authority are without prejudice to the competence of other authorities involved in the permit granting procedure.**
5. [...] **The** single competent authority shall [...] **verify** that all the necessary permits, decisions and opinions **for the authorising decision** have been obtained [...].

Article 6

Duration of the permit granting process

- 1 [...] . The Member States shall set deadlines for the permit granting procedure not exceeding 4 years from the start of the permit granting procedure. The Member States may adopt the necessary measures in order to break down the available period in different steps and according to Union and national law.
- 2 [...] . The period of 4 years shall be without prejudice to administrative appeal procedures and judicial remedies before a court and tribunal.
- 3 [...] . The Member States shall adopt the necessary measures to ensure that in **duly justified** cases **or** [...] unforeseeable circumstances, an appropriate extension to the four-year period defined in this article may be granted. The single competent authority shall determine, on a case-by-case basis, the duration of the prolongation and shall duly justify its decision.
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20. Article 6a

Organisation of the permit granting procedure

1. The notification of the project by the project promoter to the single competent authority shall serve as the start of the permit granting procedure.

1a. Member States may define the level of detail of information **and the relevant documents** to be provided by the project promoter when notifying a project, **in order to assess the maturity of the project.**

2. When a project promoter notifies the project to the single competent authority, the single competent authority shall draw up the Detailed Application Outline and communicate it to the project promoter, unless it considers that the project is not mature enough. In this latter case, the single competent authority shall reject the notification and justify its decision.

[...]

3. The detailed application outline shall contain a schedule to prepare the project application file with at least the following points:
 - (a) The individual stages of the procedure and their **indicative** time limits;
 - (b) The material scope and level of detail of information to be submitted by the project promoter;
 - (c) List of necessary permits, decisions and opinions to be obtained **by the project promoter during the permit granting procedure,** in accordance with Union and national law;
 - (d) Authorities and stakeholders to be involved in relationship with the respective obligations, including during the formal phase of the public consultation.
4. The detailed application outline shall remain valid during the permit granting procedure. Any request by the single competent authority additional to what is identified in the detailed application outline shall be duly justified by exceptional and unforeseeable new circumstances.
5. When the project promoter has submitted the project application file, the single competent authority shall ensure that the file is in line with the detailed application outline and adopt the authorising decision within the time limit **set out** in accordance with **Article 6** [...] . The single competent authority may only request additional information from the project promoter as regards the material scope and level of detail concerning the elements identified in the detailed application outline.

Article 7

Coordination of cross-border permit granting procedure

21. For projects that involve two or more Member States, Member States shall ensure that the single competent authorities of the Member States concerned **endeavour to** coordinate their timetables and agree on a joint schedule.
22. Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that in line with Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, the European Coordinators receive information on the permit granting procedures and that they may facilitate contacts between the single competent authorities in the context of the permit granting procedures for projects that involve two or more Member States.
23. [...] Member States shall, if the time limit **set out in Article 6** [...] is not observed, provide information upon request to the European Coordinators concerned about the measures taken or planned to be taken to conclude the permit granting procedure with the least possible delay.

CHAPTER III - PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Article 8

Public Procurement in cross-border projects

24. When the procurement procedures are conducted by a joint entity in a cross-border project, Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the joint entity applies the national provisions of one Member State and, by way of derogation from Directives 2014/25/EU and 2014/24/EU, those provisions shall be the provisions determined in accordance with point (a) of Article 57(5) of Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council or point (a) of Article 39(5) of Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, as applicable, unless an agreement between the participating Member States provides otherwise. Such an agreement shall in any case provide for the application of a single national legislation in case of the procurement procedures conducted by a joint entity.
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CHAPTER IV - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Article 9

Technical assistance

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CHAPTER V - FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 10

Transitional provisions

This Directive shall not apply to the permit granting procedures which started before [24 months following the entry into force of this Directive].

Article **8** [...] shall only apply to such contracts for which the call for competition has been sent or, in cases where a call for competition is not foreseen, where the contracting authority or contracting entity has commenced the procurement procedure after [OJ: 24 months following the entry into force of this Directive force].

[...]

Article 8 shall not apply to a joint entity set up before [entry into force of Directive], provided that the procurement procedures of that entity continue to be governed by the legislation determined in accordance with an agreement concluded between the participating Member States prior to that date.

Article 10a

Transposition

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by [24 months following the entry into force of this Directive] at the latest. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 11

Entry into force

This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

<i>For the European Parliament</i>	<i>For the Council</i>
<i>The President</i>	<i>The President</i>
