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NOTE

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Delegations will find in the annex, comments from Cyprus regarding Chapter V (art. 50-54) and ANNEX III on the subject mentioned above.

Comments of Cyprus on Chapter V (art. 50-54) and ANNEXIII of the proposal of regulation on Union guidelines for the development of the Trans-European Transport Network, amending reg. 2021/1153 and reg. 13/2010 and repealing reg. 1315/2013 for the revision of TEN-T

Chapter V (art. 50-54)

Article 50

The instrument of European Transport Corridors and horizontal priorities

1. European Transport Corridors are an instrument to facilitate the coordinated implementation of parts of the trans-European transport network and are intended, in particular, to improve cross-border links, ~~and~~ to remove bottlenecks and to complete missing links within the Union.

2. In order to lead to resource-efficient multimodal transport and to contribute to cohesion through improved territorial cooperation, the European Transport Corridors shall be focused on:

(a) modal integration with a particular view to strengthen the most environmentally friendly transport modes, notably rail, inland waterways and short-sea shipping;

(b) interoperability;

(c) a coordinated development of infrastructure, in particular in cross-border sections, notably in view of developing a fully interoperable rail freight system as well as a long-distance rail passenger network at high speed across the Union;

(d) supporting the coordinated and integrated development and deployment of innovative solutions for the digitalisation of transport.

3. European Transport Corridors shall enable Member States to achieve a coordinated and synchronised approach with regard to investment in infrastructure.

4. The European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS) and the European Maritime Space are the horizontal priorities for the implementation of the trans-European transport network. They shall ensure the timely deployment of ERTMS on the entire network and the integration of maritime links into the trans-European transport network.

This Article excludes small insular MSs, where rail/inland waterways are not an option, from developing their internal transport network and, subsequently, to receive support in realizing their infrastructure.

Article 51

Coordination of European Transport Corridors and horizontal priorities...

8. Pursuant Article 14(4) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1153, the Commission shall request the opinion of the European Coordinator when examining applications for Union funding under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for European Transport Corridors or horizontal priorities in the remit of the European Coordinator's mandate, in order to ensure the consistency and advancement of each corridor or horizontal priority. The

European Coordinator shall verify whether projects proposed by the Member States for CEF co-funding are consistent with the priorities of the work plan, **taking into consideration the needs of MSs with no rail in their territory.**

9.If the European Coordinator is unable to carry out his or her mandate satisfactorily and in accordance with the requirements laid down in this Article, the Commission may at any time terminate that mandate and designate a new European Coordinator in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 1.

Article 53

Work plan of the European Coordinator

3.(e)a description of possible solutions to address the investment needs and bottlenecks, in particular for the passenger and freight lines of the corridor, **taking into consideration the circumstances, challenges and specificities of small, peripheral, insular MSs;**

Article 54

Implementing acts

1.Based on the first work plan of the European Coordinators, the Commission shall adopt an implementing act for each work plan of the European Transport Corridors and the two horizontal priorities. This implementing act shall set out the priorities for infrastructure and investment planning and for funding **while taking in to consideration the needs and specificities of the MSs involved.**

Annex III

With the new corridor alignments, Cyprus participates only in the Western Balkans Corridor. We are of the opinion that the naming does not accurately reflect the location of the corridor, as the lower part of the corridor lies in the eastern Mediterranean region, a region that is undermined both by the naming and by the alignment of the corridor. It is imperative that a reference to the Eastern Mediterranean is included in the corridor name.

Additionally, Cyprus feels that the extent and alignment of the corridor, which is the only one in which it participates, does not achieve satisfactory connectivity levels to Central Europe, compared to countries connected to other corridors. We, therefore, propose that this corridor is extended to the north, following the alignment of the Orient/East-Med Corridor.