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Guidelines of the EuroMed MoS Project

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The Motorways of the Sea (MoS)



The MoS Concept

The MoS concept is identified by the EU as a means to:

- ❑ extend the major trans-European Transport axes to the neighbouring Countries and regions;
- ❑ ensure effective, efficient and safe intermodal transport through the concentration of freight flows on sea routes;
- ❑ promote modal shift from the road to the sea mode (at least in the EU);
- ❑ improve social and economic cohesion between the EU and the neighbouring Countries

General MoS Requirements

In the framework of the MoS, effective and efficient intermodal freight transport requires:

- high-quality, regular and frequent maritime services;
- adequate hinterland connections;
- effective and efficient port services;
- advanced information systems;
- simplified administrative procedures;
- improved organisation of door-to-door intermodal chains;
- compliance with safety and security regulations;
- environmental considerations

High Level Group Recommendations

In the framework of the MoS, effective and efficient intermodal freight transport in the MEDA Countries requires:

- ❑ effective connections of ports to national roadways and railways;
- ❑ creation of the logistics platforms required;
- ❑ effective and efficient port services (e.g. handling, services to vessels);
- ❑ minimisation of transit times through ports by:
 - improvement of infrastructure;
 - organisation of operations, co-operation of inspection bodies;
 - simplified customs procedures;
 - electronic transmission of customs and other administrative data;
- ❑ compliance with international safety and security regulations;
- ❑ introduction of funding mechanisms

The MoS Initiative

The MoS initiative today has acquired:

- ❑ a legal basis within the TEN-T Guidelines;
- ❑ an established process for funding and implementation of European MoS proposals;

In the case of EU - MEDA MoS proposals, the following are envisaged:

- ❑ a call for tenders;
- ❑ an evaluation and selection process to identify the best proposals;
- ❑ a specific project, the **EuroMed MoS Project**



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The Process towards the Project



The Tendering and Selection Process

- ❑ A call for tenders will invite interested consortia to submit their proposals on MoS pilot projects;
- ❑ An evaluation and selection process will determine the best proposals;
- ❑ The EuroMed MoS Project will then provide technical assistance and support to the selected MoS pilot projects towards their implementation

Aspects of Eligibility

Consortia will consist of:

- private and public actors that will be heavily involved in the development of each MoS pilot project;
- actors that originate from at least 3 countries (e.g. two MEDA and one EU State);
- a consulting firm that will provide its technical expertise towards implementation of each MoS pilot project

Proposals will concern:

- concentration of freight flows to create a sufficient critical mass;
- establishment of new or enhancement of existing maritime operations;
- North-South, South-South, Middle East-North linkages along the defined MoS corridors

Proposed Guidelines for MoS Proposals

refer to:

The EU MoS Policy

- Contribution to the development of intermodal transport;
- Alignment with TEN-T policy for EU and MEDA MoS ports

The MEDA State Policies

- Quality criteria: planning, customs, administration in ports;
- Effects on competition

The Port Authorities and Terminal Operators

- Attractiveness and competitiveness of ports;
- Quality of port services

The Maritime Service Operators

- Ability for regular and frequent services;
- Quality criteria and quality control

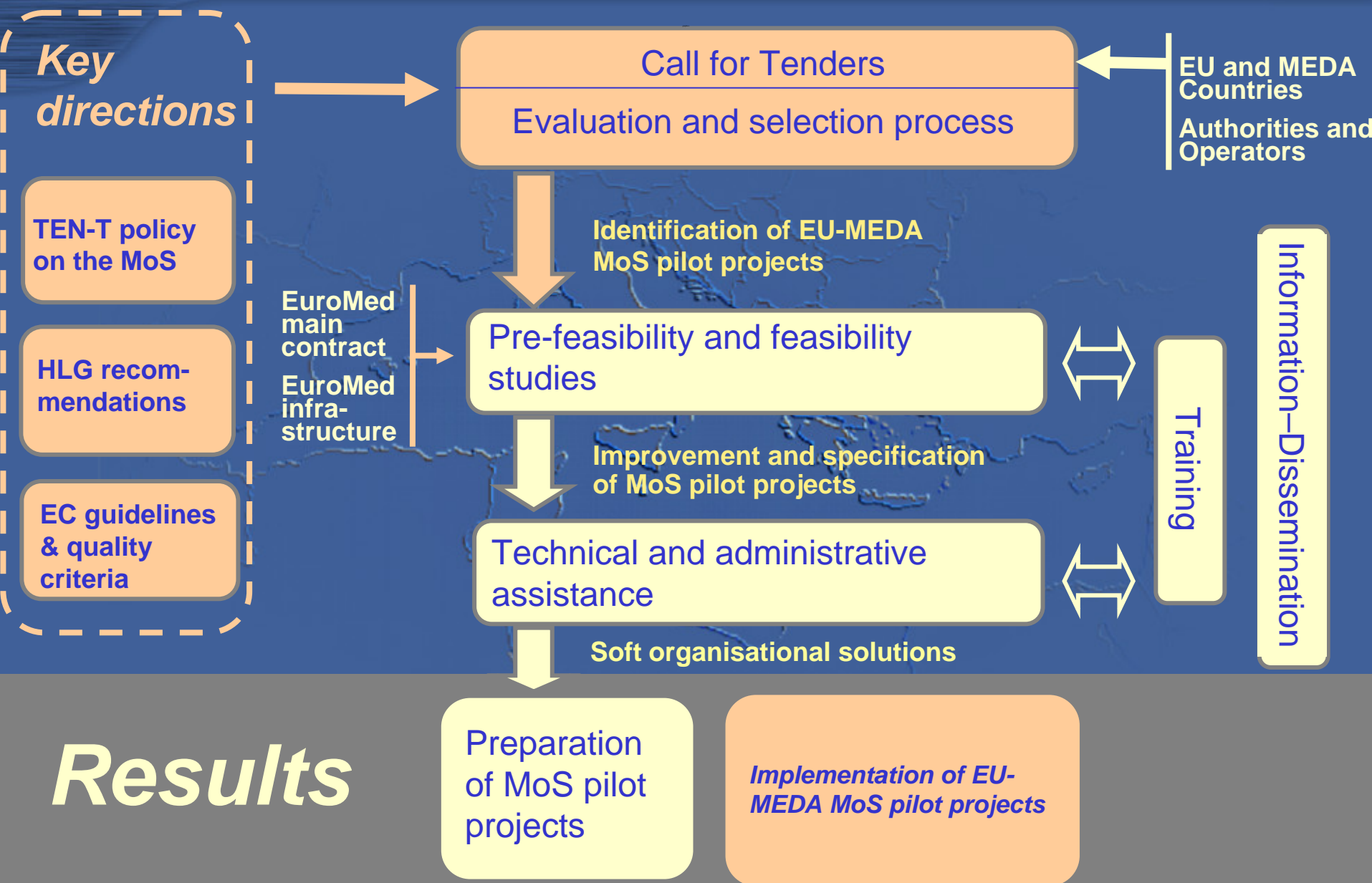
Objectives of the EuroMed MoS Project

Main objective:

The promotion of effective and efficient intermodal freight transport between the EU and the MEDA countries in the framework of the MoS.

Specific objectives:

- ❑ To provide needed and adequate support to selected MoS pilot projects in order to assist them towards improvement and specification
- ❑ To carry out all preparatory actions required to achieve resolution of constraints and mobilisation of resources for their successful implementation





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The EuroMed MoS Project



Activity 1: Pre-feasibility and Feasibility Studies

Studies devoted to each MoS pilot project will specify:

- Potential transport routes and corresponding MoS ports;
- Existing and forecast cargo flows attracted by the planned services;
- The share of the planned services in the market;
- Effects on competition – compatibility with competition rules;
- Barriers and bottlenecks to be resolved;
- Implementation Plans for the pilot projects;
- Business and Financial plans;
- Best partnerships for the pilot projects;
- Sub-projects directly linked to the pilot projects

Activity 2: Technical and Administrative Assistance

Technical and Administrative Assistance to each MoS pilot project will focus on:

- provision of specialised expert support for the implementation of soft organisational solutions.

Support for the identification of EU-MEDA twinning projects may also be considered.

Activity 3: Training

Training Seminars will be tailored to the needs of the MoS pilot projects.

Training Seminars will focus on issues and best practices related to:

- intermodal transport;
- logistics;
- freight registration and clearance;
- freight traceability;
- security and safety at sea and port;
- environmental protection;
- other areas applicable to each MoS pilot project

Activity 4: Information – Communication - Dissemination

Activity 4 will concentrate on the establishment and maintenance of an appropriate Web Site for the MoS pilot projects.

The Web Site will ensure:

- Exchange of information;
- Effective communication;
- Dissemination of innovations and results

THANK you for your attention....

