

**4<sup>th</sup> EuroMed Transport Working Group 'Infrastructure & Regulatory Issues'**  
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**Conclusions**

The following conclusions and actions were decided upon, based on the discussions held at the session of the 4<sup>th</sup> EuroMed Transport Working Group on Infrastructure and Regulatory Issues taking place under the Egyptian and French co-presidency of the Union for the Mediterranean:

The group:

1. Welcomes the resumption of the EuroMed meetings under the co-presidency of the Union for the Mediterranean, the different links of cooperation were nevertheless maintained by means of the regional transport programmes and the bilateral cooperation under the European Neighbourhood policy, as well as by the 6<sup>th</sup> National Counterpart Teams Meeting which took place in Brussels on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2009;
2. Engages itself in continuing the work, according the conclusions of the last EuroMed Transport Forum of 12 December 20 regarding the finalization of the short list of transport infrastructure priority projects and the development of a methodology (that takes into consideration the existing exercises and agreements in the region) for the establishment of a Trans Mediterranean Transport Network. The results of these two objectives will be submitted for adoption during the next Euro-Mediterranean Transport Ministerial Conference in 2010;
3. Confirms the necessity to engage in additional technical discussions for certain projects on the short list on a bilateral basis among countries concerned. Technical missions will be planned in the near future to the countries to complete discussions on the projects and network.
4. Reaffirms the flexibility of the short list in the sense that certain projects can be introduced or replaced because of recent evolutions in relation to the technical and financial realisation;
5. Approves the necessity of updating and complementing the full description of all infrastructure projects featuring on the short list with view to facilitate the promotion and the mobilisation of appropriate European and International financial aid notably through the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, PPP's, IFI's, sovereign funds and the financial instruments of the external policy such as the NIF;
6. Notes that the EuroMed regional programmes and cooperation on the bilateral level can further support the preparation of the infrastructure projects featuring on the short list.
7. Engages to collectively seek and explore, with the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, the sources of financing for the realization of the priority projects as re-identified during the ministerial meeting of the Union for the Mediterranean on Sustainable Development Projects in Paris on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009;
8. Takes note of the first technical discussions regarding the development of a future Trans Mediterranean Transport Network and the necessity of continuing the ongoing discussions linked to the revision of the Trans European Transport Network (TEN-T) and the Ministerial Conference on TEN-T which takes places in Naples on 21/22 October 2009;
9. Encourages the continuation of the regional EuroMed Transport Programmes (GNSS, Aviation, SAFEMED and Motorways of the Sea/MEDAMOS) and their interaction with the implementation of the RTAP actions. In addition, the follow-up of this implementation is identified as a priority and facilitated by the monitoring tool;

- 10.** Restates its commitment to work on the RTAP Action 18 to obtain relevant information about the EuroMed Transport System notably the future Trans Mediterranean Transport network;
- 11.** Takes note of the first results of the study regarding road and rail which will support the work of this group on regulatory issues related to land transport;
- 12.** Approves the organising of the fifth meeting of the working group in January 2010 before the upcoming EuroMed Transport Forum and EuroMed Ministerial Transport conference in 2010.