INFORMATION NOTE

From: The Commission and the Spanish Presidency
To: Council
Subject: Trans-European Transport Network Ministerial Conference
(Saragossa, 8-9 June 2010)
- Information from the Commission and the Spanish Presidency

Delegations will find annexed a contribution from the Commission and the Spanish Presidency on the abovementioned subject in support of their intervention under "other business" at the TTE Council on 11 - 12 March 2010.
TEN-T Days 2010: Trans-European Transport Networks – drawing up the EU Core network for an integrated, efficient and environmentally friendly European transport system
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Information note from the Commission and the Spanish Presidency

The Commission together with the Spanish Presidency will organise a Ministerial and stakeholder conference on the future of trans-European transport networks in Saragossa on 8 and 9 June 2010. The Conference title: 'TEN-T Days 2010: Trans-European Transport Networks – drawing up the EU Core network for an integrated, efficient and environmentally friendly European transport system ' reflects the focus of the two day event that will allow Ministers and stakeholders to identify, on the basis of a consultation document from the European Commission, the key elements of the methodology to draw up the future TEN-T planning and implementation framework. Ministers and stakeholders should also explore how EU financial instruments can be mobilised more effectively as part of a consistent funding strategy, that pulls together EU and national, public and private funding.

The "TEN-T Days" is also the annual conference on Trans-European Transport Networks which is the opportunity to take stock of the implementation of the TEN-T Priority projects, on the basis of the annual progress report which records achievements in completing the network and provides a basis to monitor coordinated efforts of Member states, EU institutions and the private sector to advance key investments in the TEN-T.

As was the case in Naples in October 2009, the conference will also take stock of progress in the external dimension of Europe's transport networks, looking not only at the links with neighbouring countries, but also at a better integration of the transport services. A joint invitation from Spanish Minister for Transport, M.Blanco, and Vice President Siim Kallas will be issued by the end of March with the main elements of the programme.