

Procedure file

Basic information		
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The follow-up of the Pan-European transport Conference		
Subject 3.20 Transport policy in general		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	TRAN Transport and Tourism		21/04/1998
		PSE LÜTTGE Günter	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	RELA External Economic Relations		

Key events			
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17/02/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
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The follow-up of the Pan-European transport Conference

The Third Pan-European Transport Conference in Helsinki (June 1997) brought together representatives of the governments and parliaments of the countries of Europe (East and West), the institutions of the European Union and other invited countries, together with intergovernmental organisations and bodies. It adopted a final declaration which defines a set of principles and objectives, the overall objective being "to promote sustainable, efficient transport systems which meet the economic, social, environmental and safety needs of European citizens, help reduce regional disparities and enable European business to compete effectively in world markets". Considering the results of the conference, the rapporteur once again stresses the role of a pan-European transport policy as a unique opportunity to seek Europe wide solutions to the transport problems of the continent. Therefore, the Commission is called on to undertake an assessment of the implementation in the EU and in the member states of the findings of this conference and to draw conclusions from that assessment. The Commission should also take account of the forthcoming accession of new member states, particularly with regard to the ongoing revision and adaptation of the Trans-European Networks guidelines at five-yearly intervals.?

The follow-up of the Pan-European transport Conference

The Parliament adopted its report on the pan-European conference on transport, drafted by Mr. Günter LÜTTGE (PES, Germany), without debate. The Parliament stresses the role of a pan-European transport policy as a unique opportunity to seek Europe-wide solutions to the transport problems of the continent and draws attention to the fact that the accession negotiations must not neglect the fact that the Newly Independent States and the countries around the Mediterranean Basin must also be integrated into the objectives of a pan-European strategy for sustainable mobility. It considers that the 10 pan-European transport corridors and the 4 pan-European Transport Areas (PETRAS) endorsed by the Helsinki Declaration should be regarded as the basis for the development of a pan-European transport infrastructure; it considers, nevertheless, that the time has come to bring forward proposals for an integrated multimodal pan-European transport network and, in this connection, calls on the Commission to bring the Transport Infrastructure Needs Assessment (TINA) process to a swift conclusion and to present such proposals. It calls on both the Commission and the Council to act as a catalyst to create the political will required to establish pan-European partnerships for the development and co-ordination of transport networks at pan-European level. It calls on the countries in the pan-European area to review procedures and arrangements for the customs clearance of passengers and goods at frontiers and, where necessary, to take the measures required to ensure that customs clearance at frontiers is carried out rapidly, smoothly and efficiently. The Parliament considers that an active partnership among the main actors in transport policy and the creation of proper structures is the best way to further develop pan-European transport policy.?