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Working Group Rail and Intermodality

The High Level Group

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« High level group on the Extension of the major trans-European axes to the neighbouring countries and regions »

Membership: 25 EU Member States plus BG and RO, 26 neighbouring countries, EIB, EBRD and World Bank

Chairwoman: Mrs Loyola de Palacio, former Commission VP

Final Report submitted to Commission VP Barrot on 7 Dec 2005, which marked the end of the work of the HLG

Public Consultation concluded in spring 2006





HLG – Recommendations (1)

1. Five major axes identified to focus financing and cooperation on. “South-East Axis” incl.
 - Multimodal connection Salzburg – Ljubljana – Zagreb/Budapest – Belgrade – Nis, including the following connections
 - – Sofia – Istanbul – Ankara – Georgia/Armenia – Azerbaijan (Traceca)
 - – Skopje – Thessaloniki
 - Multimodal connection Budapest – Sarajevo – Ploce
 - Multimodal connections Bari/Brindisi – Durres/Vlora – Tirana – Skopje – Sofia – Burgas/Varna





HLG – Recommendations (1)

2. Preliminary list of infrastructure projects
3. “Horizontal measures”
 - Technical, legal and administrative interoperability
 - Border crossing procedures (one stop offices)
 - Simply and harmonise trade related documentation





HLG Recommendations (2)

- Implementation of new technologies (such as ERTMS) that are compatible with those in EU
- Measures for safety and security

For full report see

http://ec.europa.eu/ten/transport/external_dimension/europe_se_e_n.htm

