



- **TEN-T Planning Methodology**
Identification of Primary Nodes
(more precise specification)

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Identification of primary nodes

- **Cities, city clusters and conurbations:**
 - the capitals of all Member States
 - the MEGA's = "MEtropolitan Growth Areas" (ESPON atlas 2006)
 - conurbations, city clusters > 1 M inhabitants:
basis: "Larger Urban Zones" ("LUZ") acc. to Urban Audit (EUROSTAT);
- The airports of these city nodes;
- **Seaports:**
 - annual throughput > 1 % of the EU total (bulk, non-bulk):
interpolation: $\frac{\text{bulk}}{\text{threshold for bulk}} + \frac{\text{non-bulk}}{\text{threshold for non-bulk}} > 1,0$;
 - one per each NUTS 1 region with access to sea,
per each continuous coastline;
- **Inland ports:**
 - primary city or seaport nodes with access to IWW;
- **Core Network sea and inland ports to be linked by more than 1 mode (except in countries with road, only).**