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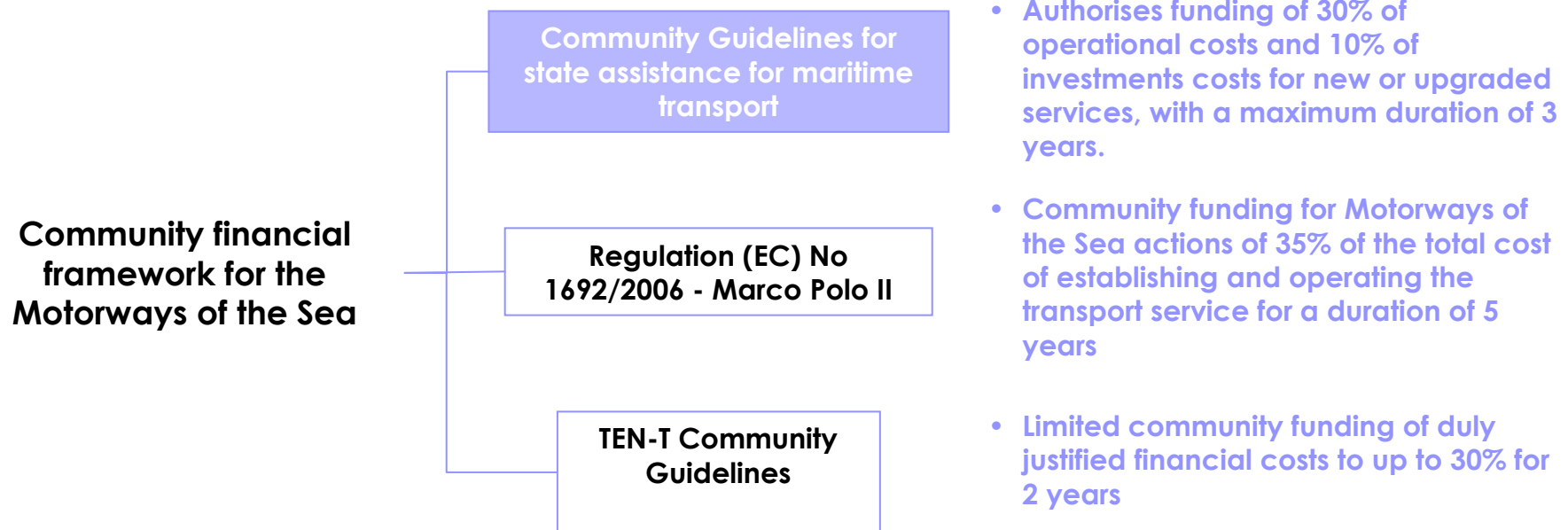
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Commission Communication 317/08 on state aid for the launching of the Motorways of the Sea (1/2)



Motorways of the Sea are one of the **top priority transportation objectives** of European transport policy aimed at reducing road congestion and lessening the environmental impact of freight transport.

There are three basic instruments for their funding:



Commission Communication 317/08 on state aid for the launching of the Motorways of the Sea (2/2)



Given the resulting uncertainty fuelled by the different funding conditions, the Commission approves the alignment of state aid with that of Marco Polo II and the TEN-T:

- **Authorises national, regional or local public assistance complementary to the assistance provided to MARCO POLO projects**
- **Assistance provided by Member States can match that of MARCO POLO, i.e., covering up to 35% of the costs of start-up and operation of services during a 5 year period.**
- **Complementary aid to Marco Polo may not combined with compensations for public service**
- **Member State assistance must be previously notified to the European Commission**
- **Authorises Member State assistance to Motorways of the Sea projects in the absence of EU funding**
- **State aid can reach 30% of the investment during a period of 2 years**

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Action plan for the deployment of intelligent transport systems (ITS)

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In the future, the European road transport will face three major challenges:

Traffic congestion and its cost in terms of GDP

Greenhouse gas emissions

Road accidents

The main goal is to make transport and travel cleaner, safer and more efficient. To achieve this, **innovative solutions are required to enable rapid progress. The ITS are the application of information and communications technologies to transport.** Examples: SESAR (air transport), ERTMS (rail transport).

Action plan:

Seeks to accelerate and coordinate the takeoff of the ITS in road transport and in the interfaces with other modes. The public and private stakeholders concerned have been directly involved in drawing it up.

It comprises the six points listed below.

Action plan: priority areas and actions (1/2)

1. **Optimum use of data** on roads, traffic and travel

- Definition of the procedures for the provision of real time information services on traffic and travel EU-wide
- Optimisation of collection/provision of road data and traffic circulation plans, recommended routes, etc.
- Development of multimodal journey planners

2. **Continuity of ITS services** for traffic and freight management in European transport corridors and conurbations

- Definition of specifications to guarantee ITS services for passengers and freight
- Support for a European ITS framework for urban transport mobility
- Interoperability of electronic road toll systems

3. **Road safety** and security

- Promotion of advanced driver assistance systems and security-related ITS systems
- Development of regulatory framework for a safe on-board Human-Machine Interface
- Measures on secure parking places

Action plan: priority areas and actions (2/2)

4. **Integration of the vehicle** in transport infrastructures

- In-vehicle platform architecture for the provision of ITS services and applications
- Definition of communications specifications for infrastructure-to-infrastructure (I2I), vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) and vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V)
- Mandate for the development of harmonised ITS implementation standards

5. **Data protection/security** and liability

- Analysis of responsibility issues involved in the use of ITS applications

6. **European coordination and cooperation**

- Proposal for a legal framework for European coordination on ITS deployment
- Development of a support toolkit for
- Development of guidelines for public funding
- Creation of a specific cooperation platform between States and regional/local governments for urban mobility



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