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to the Commission**

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Subject: TEN-T projects - Amending Budget No 1 to the General Budget for 2015

On Tuesday, 13 January 2015, Draft Amending Budget No 1 to the General Budget for 2015 was presented (COM(2015)0011), for the purpose of setting up the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI).

The document indicates that, for the period 2015-2018, EUR 3.3 billion will be draawn from the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), EUR 2.7 billion from Horizon 2020 and EUR 2.0 billion from the MFF. In terms of commitment appropriations for transport in 2015, therefore, EUR 700 m will be withdrawn from the CEF, from budget headings 06 02 01 01, 06 02 01 02 and 06 02 01 03. The sector will accordingly suffer a substantial cut in the funds previously budgeted, contrary to what was announced and promised by Commissioner Bulc. Moreover, it should be borne in mind that the projects for the TEN-T networks have recently been announced, entailing a total investment of EUR 700 bn in the period ending in 2030.

1. Can the Commission indicate which specific projects will be affected by the cuts in the budget headings?
2. Can the Commission explain how it intends to finance the enormous investments in the TEN-T corridors?
3. Does not the Commission consider that it allocated excessive amounts to the budget, which were then approved, in the light of the cuts which have been made?