

**Question for written answer E-003806/2021/rev.2
to the Commission**

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Subject: Possibility of including the Toruń node in the core TEN-T network

I would like to ask about the possibility of including the Toruń node in the core TEN-T network.

The city contains transport infrastructure: railways, roads and inland waterways. And it is a point of intersection for major north-south and east-west communication routes.

The following run along the city border or through the city:

1. The A1 motorway, which forms part of the TEN-T Baltic-Adriatic Corridor. In addition, expressway 10/S10 runs through Toruń;
2. Rail network 353 of national significance and the important railway lines 18, 27 and 207. A high-speed rail route is also planned;
3. The Vistula river – E40 international waterway axis which connects the Baltic Sea with the Black Sea.

The city of Toruń fulfils the criteria defining an urban node set out in Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 on Union Guidelines for the development of a trans-European transport network. Most importantly for the city, establishing an urban node will enable it to apply for funds allocated to the development of TEN-T corridors and nodes under the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework.

It should be stressed that every year the city is visited by some 2.5 million domestic and foreign tourists.

I would like to point out that so far not a single core network node exists in Kujawsko-Pomorskie. This means that the region is isolated in terms of transport.

Given the above, I consider that the inclusion of Toruń in the TEN-T core network is fully justified.

What is the Commission's view on including Toruń in the TEN-T core network? How likely is it that Toruń will be included?