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OPINION

of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on the European Court of Auditors' special report No 6/2005 on the Trans-European Network for Transport (TEN-T)
(2006/2238(INI))

Draftsman: Jaromír Kohlíček

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Transport and Tourism calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Regrets the niggardly increase in the appropriations available for TEN-T;
2. Welcomes the accurate analysis and clarity of the report, since it shares most of the Court of Auditors' concerns and endorses most of its suggestions;
3. Is concerned at the slow speed of implementation of the priority TEN-T projects;
4. Considers that TEN-T subsidies should be concentrated on fewer projects with a higher average financing rate so as to enhance the leverage effect of EC funding, and should give greater priority to cross-border routes;
5. Considers that, in allocating TEN-T subsidies, rather than the principle of "fair shares" for the individual Member States, the only criteria used should be those set out in the TEN-T financing regulation and in the TEN-T policy guidelines;
6. Considers that the Member States should give the highest priority to implementing the most important projects, and that all necessary financial and technical measures should be taken to ensure that the selected projects are realised;
7. Considers it important for projects which are not completed on schedule to be subject to more stringent checks, with a possibility for subsidies under the multi-annual indicative programme to be transferred to projects which are progressing more rapidly;
8. Considers it essential, when selecting and assessing projects, to draw on the experience of external experts and the EIB and to promote the exchange of experience and information with the DG for Regional Policy;
9. Stresses the importance appropriate monitoring of the projects and on-site checks by the Commission;
10. Considers the coordination of TEN-T projects to be essential, particularly in the case of cross-border projects, and hopes that the establishment of the TEN-T Executive Agency which has now been announced by the Commission may contribute decisively to the implementation of the TEN-T projects;
11. Underlines the fact that (co-)financing of TEN-T should happen transparently and therefore regular information to the European Parliament and citizens should be guaranteed.

PROCEDURE

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