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Motorways of the Sea (MoS) Ex post evaluation on the development of the concept from 2001 and possible ways forward

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I) Ex post evaluation on the up-to-date concept development and implementation

II) Possible ways forward

Objective

- Provide a comprehensive overview on the implementation of the concept from its initiation in 2001 until the end of 2013
- Assess if the implementation has left untapped potential and the possible actions to realise it
- Provide suggestions on the prospects for its better implementation and alignment with future development of Short Sea Shipping, EU policies and funding programmes

Ex post evaluation of the concept and implementation

- **State of play – Overview**

- Which type of projects were funded (port capacity, accessibility, intermodal connections, environmental, wider benefit etc.)
- Which financial sources and instruments were used (TEN-T, Marco Polo, EU structural funds, European Investment Bank funding, state aid, private funding, loans, equity, loan guarantees etc.)
- Who have been the beneficiaries of funding (port authorities, ship owners, land carriers, freight forwarders etc.)

- **EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE POLICY**

- How effective has been the MoS policy in supporting Short Sea Shipping and providing for an alternative to road transport?
- What have been the improvements as a result of the implementation of MoS projects?

- **ADMINISTRATIVE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

- Efficiency and effectiveness of the coordination mechanism and institutional framework?
- How efficient has been the process of selecting and funding projects?

- **COHERENCE OF THE POLICY**

- Has the MoS policy contribute to the achievement of other policy objectives in the EU transport policy?
- How has it been aligned with other EU policies?

- **RELEVANCE OF THE POLICY**

- To what extent is the initial assessment of the potential benefits of the implementation of the MoS concept still valid?
- Has the evolution of the definition and implementation of the MoS been in line with maritime freight transport and Short Sea Shipping policies?

- **EU ADDED VALUE**

- What is the European added value of the initiative/intervention compared to what could be achieved by MS at national and/or regional levels?

Possible ways forward

- **Prospects for the further development of Motorways of the Sea**
 - Emerging and prospective sectors of the Short Sea Shipping activity?
 - How would the concept need to be changed to meet future challenges?
 - How can it be better aligned with EU policies (e.g. the 2011 White Paper on transport policy, the revised TEN-T Guidelines, the Research and Development, the Regional, Neighbourhood and Development Policies) ?



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Thank you for your attention!

