

# Motorways of the Sea Commission Staff Working Document

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## Synoptic presentation

<b>What are Motorways of the Sea (MoS)?</b>				
<p>A special feature of Short Sea Shipping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>existing or new regular, frequent and reliable Short Sea Shipping (SSS) links</li> <li>integrated in door-to-door logistic chains</li> <li>involving co-operation of all actors towards high-quality service and infrastructure</li> <li>concentrating flows of freight to make the service viable</li> </ul>				
<b>Benefits</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>cost-effective (compared to investments in terrestrial infrastructure)</li> <li>energy efficient (per tonne/km)</li> <li>climate-friendly (less CO2 per tonne/km)</li> <li>abates congestion =&gt; mobility</li> <li>improves accessibility to peripheral regions</li> </ul>				
<b>How are Motorways of the Sea established?</b>				
Private sector initiative		Public/private sector initiative (TEN-T)		
-> without public funding -> with public funding (e.g. Marco Polo)		Joint calls for tender between Member States: -> involving public and private actors -> providing public funding and incentives -> private operation		
<b>Quality aspects and recognition (Consultation)</b>				
Key performance indicators		Benchmarking		MoS Recognition (label)
Indicators to measure service quality and performance		Make it possible to compare various transport options		For new or existing SSS links -> criteria -> certification
<b>Financial support instruments</b>				
TEN-T	Marco Polo	Cohesion & Structural funds	EIB funds	State aid
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>joint MS call prior to EU call</li> <li>MS endorsement</li> <li><u>focus on infrastructure</u></li> <li>for consortia</li> <li>310 m € for MoS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>direct EU call to industry</li> <li>no MS endorsement</li> <li><u>focus on services</u></li> <li>for undertakings</li> <li>400 m € for all actions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>programming document</li> <li>MS endorsement</li> <li><u>focus on infrastructure</u></li> <li>depending on MS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>directly contact to EIB</li> <li>no MS endorsement</li> <li><u>focus on infrastructure and services</u></li> <li>1 b € (LGTT)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EU State aid guidelines for maritime transport</li> <li><u>focus on services</u></li> <li>thresholds differ between:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EU guidelines</li> <li>Marco Polo</li> <li>TEN-T</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Financial support instruments: state of play</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 MS task forces</li> <li>2 pilot projects</li> <li>4 joint calls for tender ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 EU call (2007)</li> <li>MoS project proposals under evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MS programming documents provide support for MoS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increased support for maritime projects</li> <li>no specific support yet for MoS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>France-Spain joint MoS call involves State aid</li> <li>Italian incentive to truckers</li> <li>intended revision of EU State aid guidelines</li> </ul>
<b>Horizontal support</b>				
European TEN-T coordinator		Single help desk		Frequently asked questions
Supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>public/private partnerships for MoS</li> <li>sustainability of MoS</li> <li>MS and regional incentives</li> </ul>		For the use of various funding instruments		To help understand MoS and application of financial instruments