

Transport and Accessibility

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Background

- Year 2000 saw the launch of the Lisbon and Gothenburg Agendas
- Lisbon was relaunched in 2005 where three principal action lines were identified

EU's aims for goods transport - The ERDF Regulations

Actions proposed in the regulations were as follows:

- Investments in cross-border sections of trans-European networks
- Improved local and regional access to national and trans-national networks
- Enhanced inter-operability of national and regional systems; and
- Promotion of advanced information and communication technologies

The Objective 3 North Sea Programme

- Programme has a defined focus on regional development with an impact on transnational areas
- Projects should be more strategic than before and more concrete

The Objective 3 North Sea Programme

The draft Operational Programme (OP) currently has three priorities:

Sustainable Communities
Environment
Accessibility

Aims and goals for goods transport in Interreg III B North Sea

AIM OF THE PRIORITY is...

‘To provide conditions for promoting integration across the NSR and beyond by improving accessibility by enhanced transport, information and communication networks and services’.

Areas of intervention

- Harness an improved accessibility through new and existing transport technologies, and exploit regional economic potentials
- Foster territorial cohesion, regional integration and governance through the improvement of accessibility to maritime information
- Apply innovative information and communication technologies to improve accessibility to ICT infrastructure, services and networks in order to exploit regional economic potentials

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Examples of focus areas:

- Promoting intelligent transport systems, transnational transport corridors and accessibility concepts,
- Best practice implementations for intermodal freight transport concepts i.e. door-to-door movement of goods, using two or more modes of transport, in an integrated transport chain.
- Measures to improve and harmonize goods handling systems.

Types of transport

- Cargo transport
- Passenger transport
- Inter-modal transport systems

The future programme

- Anticipated that OP will submitted to the European commission by the end of the year
- First call for applications is likely to be next summer
- First steering Committtee meeting likely to be in Autumn next year

Thank you

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