Missing Transport Links in border regions
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- Adopted 8th February 2017
- Support of CoR, Parliament and Commission

- Cross-border regions: high potential economic development
- More funding needed in cross-border regions and comprehensive network (now 5 – 10 % CEF)
- Harmonisation of rules and techniques
- Use Interreg:
  – priority infrastructure and services
  – cooperation structure (governance)
Added value of regions on the corridors

1. Connectivity: regions are gateways to long distance network

2. Sustainability and innovation starts local and regional

3. Cross-border regions are crucial in corridor development
Example of connectivity and multimodality
Example of multimodality: European Rail Freightlinesystem (ERFLS)
Proximity / urban mobility: European cycling strategy
Commissioner Bulc on VeloCity 2017: Cycling crucial in network and urban nodes approach
Regional experiences with TEN-T Connecting Europe Facility

- Very useful in stimulating projects and investments
- Much attention to freight transport
- Much attention to big / national projects
- Good news: CEF-cross-border call € 110 mln
- Calls are overwritten, increasing need for funding
For the discussion:

• More focus on comprehensive network as gateways to long distance network

• More focus on cross-border regions in corridors

• Stimulate even more sustainability and innovation

• Use existing organisations like the EGTC Rhine-Alpine and Interreg (governance)
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