

Riga, 22 June 2015

Declaration on the constitution of the Spanish-Portuguese working group of the Atlantic Core Network Corridor

"The signing parties to this declaration:

HAVING REGARD TO

the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network which aims at the development of the TEN-T core network in a coordinated and a timely manner; and that such coordination includes the establishment of a corridor approach as an instrument to coordinate the various projects on a transnational basis in order to maximise network benefits;

the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility which aims at accelerating investment in the field of trans-European networks for the period 2014-2020 and which identifies for this purpose nine Core network corridors including the Atlantic Corridor;

the Declaration of Tallinn on the implementation of the TEN-T Core Network Atlantic Corridor of 17 October 2013;

the Atlantic Corridor Work Plan presented to the Member States today, 22 June 2015, which summarises the characteristics, critical issues, goals and recommendations of the Coordinator for the Corridor development;

CONSIDERING

the importance of active cross-border coordination to optimize the investments in infrastructure;

the recommendation of the European Coordinator of the Atlantic Corridor, to the governments of Portugal and Spain to create a joint working group, in order to have a common approach to the implementation of the corridor in the Iberian Peninsula, especially regarding the track-gauge transition to standard gauge;

the agreement reached on 28 April 2015, between the Minister of Transports of Spain and the Portuguese Secretary of State for Infrastructure, Transport and Communications;

RECOGNISING

the significant work which is currently being carried out in the framework of the Atlantic Core Network Corridor and the development of its Study and its Work Plan;

the progressive deployment of the European Rail Freight Corridor Atlantic;

the important role the European Group of Economic Interest - AVEP - has played for the cooperation between the Spanish and the Portuguese administrations;



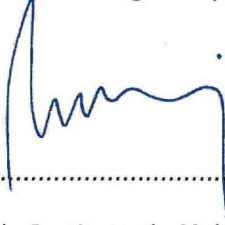
DECLARE

that on 2 June 2015, it has been constituted the Spanish-Portuguese Working Group of the Atlantic Corridor, strengthening and broadening the existing Portuguese and Spanish coordination mechanisms,

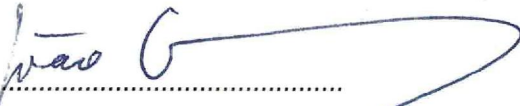
with the main objective of setting up a joint planning between the governments of both countries in order to develop the infrastructure of the Atlantic multimodal Corridor fully interoperable and in accordance with each country's own plans and with the Corridor work plan.

Likewise, it will coordinate other issues that the Group deems appropriate regarding the development of the corridor and other horizontal matters related to the TEN-T in which both countries are involved such as: developing a coordinated logistic single-window, analyzing the viability of a new incentive scheme to support the demand for Motorways of the Sea, coordination and follow-up of the Corridor work plans, development of the application framework of directive 94/2014 on port infrastructures for the use of alternative fuels, etc.

Secretario General de Infraestructuras del Ministerio de Fomento, and Chair of the Spanish Delegation on the Working Group, Manuel Niño



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