12th September 2014
HS2 Growth & Connectivity Conference
Birmingham

"HS2 & the EC Connecting Europe Facility"

James Pond
DG MOVE
European Commission
Connecting Europe Facility
One instrument – three sectors

Connecting Europe Facility

- Transport Guidelines
- Energy Guidelines
- Telecom Guidelines

Financing framework 2014-2020

The "European Infrastructure Package" (European Commission proposal, October 2011)

Sectoral policy frameworks (setting priorities for 2020, 2030, 2050)
Key elements of the new TEN-T policy

Support implementation of Transport White Paper through new infrastructure policy, including:

Dual layer approach based on an objective methodology: core and comprehensive network
Ambitious standards for all infrastructures
Common deadlines to achieve network (2030/2050)
Corridors and coordinators for implementation

New legislation: Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013
The new TEN-T maps

A core and comprehensive network based on a single European methodology

- **Comprehensive network** to ensure accessibility to all regions
- **Core network** focussing on strategically most important parts
- **Maps** are contained in Annex I to the TEN-T Guidelines Regulation
By 2030: replace the patchwork of priority projects by a single European core network

By 2050: develop the comprehensive network as “ground layer” to ensure accessibility and common standards
TEN-T standards

Rail

**Comprehensive Network**
- Electrification
- ERTMS
- 1435mm gauge
- Connection with freight terminals

**Core Network**
- [see Comprehensive network plus]
- freight lines (>100 km/h, 750m train length, 22,5t axle load)
The 9 core network corridors defined in the CEF
Connecting Europe Facility: budget

€33.2 billion in current prices

€26.250 billion for transport (Vs ~€8bn for 2007 – 2013)

- €14 945 million for all 28 MS
- €11 305 million for the MS eligible to the Cohesion Fund

€1.141 billion for broadband and digital services

€5.850 billion for energy infrastructure
Opportunities for the rail sector

**Grants:**

- up to 20% for infrastructure investments in general
- up to 30% for bottlenecks
- up to 40% for cross-border projects (only for rail and inland waterway)
- up to 50% for studies
- for ERTMS: up to 50% for land-based and on-board components
- up to 20% for new technologies and innovation
- **up to 85% for the €11.3bn transferred from the Cohesion Fund**
Latest steps in CEF implementation

- Communication of the Commission
  - 7 January 2014, stating the funding priorities
- Annual (AP) and Multiannual Work Programmes (MAP)
  - March 2014
  - Implementation framework and priorities, available funding
- Call texts and Guide for applicants
  - September 2014
- First call for proposals: September 2014 – February 2015
  - **Info days** in Brussels in September-October 2014
  - Info days in the Member States upon request
European High Speed Network
Journey times between stations 1989-2009
Thank You very much..