

## **Joint resolution of the V4 Parliamentary Economic Committees - Transport**

The V4 Parliamentary Economic Committees have resolved that only a fully developed transport network can add to improving living conditions of the citizens and protection of the environment as a whole, sustainable economic growth, improved traffic safety, and quality transport services. On the other hand, infrastructure which is technologically and morally obsolete and lacks the required capacity to accommodate neither existing, nor projected traffic flows, is a significant hindrance to a functioning transport network.

Having regard to the fact that significant parts of core infrastructure of the V4 countries still need to be completed, the V4 Parliamentary Economic Committees call on the European Commission to actively support the V4 countries in their efforts to develop their transport networks and to refrain from some of its excessive requirements on transport projects, especially as a result of dogmatic approach to environmental impact assessments, which lead to frequent setbacks in the preparation phase, additional construction costs, and overall delays in the process of creating modern infrastructure network for the 21st century.

Since in today's Europe major infrastructure projects have cross-border importance as they are a part of a wider trans-European transport network, the V4 Parliamentary Economic Committees commit themselves to facilitating intensive cooperation between responsible national authorities of the V4 countries, which shall coordinate their plans so that adequate cross-border connectivity is secured without the creation of bottlenecks and missing links.

However, infrastructure in itself cannot secure quality transport services and intensive trade exchange. These should be facilitated through a progressive transport policy focused on the removal of technical and administrative barriers. The V4 Parliamentary Economic Committees therefore call on the European Commission to take this view into consideration while drafting future transport initiatives, as these should at no cost hinder the provision of transport services in the European Union. In this regard the V4 Parliamentary Economic Committees call on the European Commission to combat protectionist measures implemented by some Member States into their national legislation.

V4 countries recommend that the European Commission accepts the EIA prepared according to applicable legislation even before joining the EU.

V4 countries recommend raising awareness and cooperation in the field of PPP projects including EU funds.