

COUNCIL DECISION

of 28 February 1966

instituting a procedure for consultation in respect of transport infrastructure investment

(66/161/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 75 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament¹;

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee²;

Whereas the attainment of the objectives of the Treaty within the framework of a common transport policy requires the introduction of a procedure for consultation in respect of transport infrastructure investment in the rail, road and inland waterway sectors;

Whereas the co-ordinated development of transport links within the Community and the removal of any existing obstacles and breaks in continuity at the Community's internal frontiers will be promoted by making investment projects which are considered to be of Community interest subject to such a procedure of notification, interchange of information among Member States and consultation;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Member States shall notify to the Commission, before they are carried out, investment projects of Community interest which have as their object the construction of new railways, roads or inland waterways or a considerable increase in the capacity of those already in existence.

Notification of such projects shall in particular include:

- a technical description;
- an estimate of the total cost;
- a provisional programme of works;
- an economic assessment.

Article 2

The following factors shall be taken into account in assessing the interest to the Community of any investment project:

- the effect of the project on the development of transport and trade between Member States or between the Community and third countries; or
- the effect of the project on the development of one or more regions of the Community.

Article 3

The Commission shall inform the Member States of all projects notified to it by those States. If the Commission considers it appropriate, or if a Member State so requests, the Commission shall consult the Member States on the project or projects so notified. It shall inform the Member States of the result of such consultation.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 February 1966.

For the Council

The President

P. WERNER

¹ OJ No 62, 12.4.1965, p. 902/65.

² OJ No 63, 13.4.1965, p. 948/65.