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Public-Private Partnerships & Waterway Infrastructure Investments

Introduction :

Europe needs enormous investments in major infrastructure projects. Such projects must partly be realised at a national level, but in other cases the goal is to interconnect and develop existing infrastructure into trans-European networks or TENs.

This report deals with four specific issues :

- How can the public-private partnership be defined as distinct from other forms of private sector involvement in public infrastructure ?
- What are the constraints and conditions, to make PPP's successful instruments in realising large infrastructure projects ?
- Which type of wet civil infrastructure projects could benefit more specifically from a PPP approach ?
- Can PPP's be used as an instrument to realise (or to accelerate the realisation) of inland waterways infrastructure within the framework of TEN projects ?

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