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### **The potential role of Public-Private-Partnerships in the realisation of Trans-European transport projects**

Introduction :

The Treaty of Rome (1957) sets out the structures for the development of a Europe-wide single market on the principle of freedom of movement of goods, persons, services and capital. In 1985, the European Commission published a White Paper on completing the internal market in which it elaborated an ambitious plan to abolish all existing controls and formalities between Members States. The Objectives of the 1985 White Paper were en forced in 1987 with the introduction of the Single European Act, 1987. The unification programme also included then development of a cross-border network for all transportation modes in order to maximise the mobility of persons and goods in the Union.

This policy paper will not discuss the entire European Transport policy, but will concentrate on those policies having an impact on waterborne transport and inlandwaterways en therefor

conclude with a section on ways and means of public financing, in particular via European funds.

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