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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EC) No 1692/2006 of 24 October 2006 concerning the granting of Community financial assistance to improve the environmental performance of the freight transport system and in particular Art. 9 thereof,

Whereas :

- (1) In accordance with its annual work programme, the Commission has published a call for proposals inviting interested parties to submit proposals for actions to improve the environmental performance of the freight transport system, within the framework of the Community programme Marco Polo II¹.
- (2) The Commission has received 46 proposals for actions to the call opened from 5.02.08 to 7.04.08.
- (3) All proposals were evaluated and two were considered non eligible.
- (4) Two selected proposals merged in one project.
- (5) The Committee provided for in Art. 10 of Regulation 1692/2006 gave a positive opinion on the proposed funding and rejection lists on its meeting of 9.12.08.
- (6) The European Parliament was informed about the proposed funding lists according to the appropriate rules of Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999.
- (7) It is now incumbent on the Commission to adopt a Decision granting the financial assistance with respect to the proposals listed in Annex I to this Decision.

¹ O.J. C 31, 5.02.2008, p 13

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

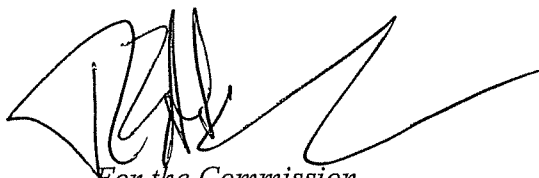
Article 1

The beneficiaries listed in Annex I shall receive financial assistance from the Commission to execute the actions, within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1692/2006, listed in the said Annex, up to the maximum amount per action shown in the same Annex.

Article 2

The proposals listed in Annex II are rejected for financial assistance from the Commission.

Done at Brussels,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jonathan Scheele', written in a cursive style.

*For the Commission
Jonathan Scheele by Subdelegation*

Annex I: 28 proposals selected for funding in the 2008 selection procedure under Council Regulation 1692/2006

Prop. No (TREN/G2/SUB /01-2008 MP-II/-)	Action type ²	Project Acronym Short Description	Companies Benefiting (Lead Company in bold)	Community contribution [€]
001	mod	KOTCAR New Short Sea Shipping line linking Antwerp (Belgium) and Hamburg and Bremerhaven (Germany) to Kotka (Finland) 3 times a week. It will mainly carry chemical products and automotive parts which will be further taken to Nizhny Novgorod (Russia) by train.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICL-Intemodal Container Logistics (AT) • Magna Steyr (AT) • Maritime Freight Poland Ltd (PL) 	1.040.000
002	mod	CARES New block train service between Bucharest (Romania) and Suzzara and Verona (Italy) and between Curtici (Romania) and Kösekoy (Turkey) transporting cars, LCV and trucks. The objective is to organize a weekly service composed of 4 routes linking Romania to Italy and to Turkey and to increase this service during the second year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VEGA International (AT) • VEGA Romania (RO) • VEGA Lojistik A.S (TR) 	1.320.000
003	mod	EURO Reefer Rail New railway service for refrigerated container transport of dairy products and other perishables with daily departures from Genk (Belgium) to Busto Arsizio (Italy), Zabrze (Poland) to Piacenza (Italy), Busto Arsizio (Italy) to Zeebrugge (Belgium), Slawkow (Poland) to Zeebrugge (Belgium), Budapest (Hungary) to Zeebrugge (Belgium), München (Germany) to Duisburg (Germany), Herne (Germany) to Norrkoping (Sweden), Zabrze (Poland) to Padova (Italy), and Zabrze (Poland) to Salzburg (Austria).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HZ Holding B.V. (NL) • Danone N.V. (BE) 	2.128.948
005	mod	Train to Spain and back New regular shuttle train connection between Verona (Veneto Region, N-E Italy) and Mouguerre (France) for the transportation of 45' palletwide containers (or PWHC). Already started with a frequency of one roundtrip per week with a final goal of 5 trains and 5 roundtrips a week by 2010.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Codognotto F. LLI SNC (IT) • Codognotto France (FR) 	859.000

² mod = modal shift action, cat = catalyst action, cla = common learning action, mos=Motorways of the Sea

Prop. No (TREN/G2/SUB /01-2008 MP- II/-)	Action type ²	Project Acronym Short Description	Companies Benefiting (Lead Company in bold)	Community contribution [€]
007	mod	KTS New block train to link Kronospan group manufacturing plants in Bischweiler, Lampertswalde and Sandebeck (Germany), Jihlava (Czech Republik), Zvolen (Slovakia), Szombately and Mohacs (Hungary) and Sebes (Romania) to to a distribution centre in San Vito al Tagliamento (Italy). The objective is to shift off the roads 65% of the overall annual transport volume of Kronospan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kronospan Italia S.R.L. (IT) • Kronotec Consulting GmbH (AT) 	1.125.701
008	cat	FGI System New rail service between Châtelet (Belgium) and Orbassano (IT), and between Châtelet (Belgium) and Mouguerre/Le Boulou (Spain) for the transportation of flat glass using a new kind of trailer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lanutti Spa (IT) • Lanutti Sarl (FR) 	3.000.000
009	mod	Zakarpattya Express New regular shuttle train connection for containerised freight from Nuremberg (Germany) to Chop, a terminal on the Hungarian-Ukrainian border. The final destination of the freight is Lviv and Kiev (Ukraine), achieved by road or rail. One roundtrip per week is envisaged at the beginning of the project and a second one at the end of the first year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Übler Wolfgang Transporte (DE) • Internationale Gesellschaft für Eisenbahnverkehr GMBH & Co (DE) • Floyd ZRt. (HU) 	500.000
011	cla	AGORA Project aimed at improving management capabilities of intermodal terminal operators throughout Europe and increasing capacity by a set of innovative, smart operational measures and the involvement of users. At the same time it will create awareness of terminal capacity enlargement needs and contribute to a more effective intermodal transport in Europe by improving know-how and experience and sharing it with all intermodal stakeholders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail Cargo Austria AG (AT) • BILK Kombiterminal (HU) • Terminal Graz Süd GmbH (AT) • Linz Service GmbH (AT) • WienCont Management GmbH (AT) • Baltic Rail Gate GmbH (DE) • KTL Ludwigshafen GmbH (DE) • DUSS GmbH (DE) • Neuss Trimodal GmbH (DE) • Kombiverkehr KG (DE) • Interferryboats (BE) • Rail Servie Centre Rotterdam (NL) • Interporto Bologna Spa (IT) • International Union of Railways – UIC (FR) 	665.579

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012	mod	OFE New rail service between Zeebrugge (Belgium) and Antwerp (Belgium) to Ottmarsheim (France) to transport general cargo. The service has already started providing 2 roundtrips a week, to be enhanced to 3 trains per week as of October 2008 and to 4 trains per week as of April 2010.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFB Inter Ferry Boats N.V. (BE) • Haeger & Schmidt International GmbH (DE) 	817.690
014	mod	CORAT Upgrade of an existing rail service, by increasing its capacity, linking Klaipeda and Kaunas (Lithuania), Zilupe, Riga, Liepāja and Ventpils (Latvia) and Russia, with the purchase of 300 new railway fitting platforms. It is planned to shift up to 30% of the container freight volumes through Latvia/Lithuania towards the Eurasian countries from road to rail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDZ Cargo Ltd (LV) • FESCO Integrated Transport LLC (RU) 	767.045
017	mod	S.C.AD.AE New combined short sea shipping and rail line connecting twice a month the Adriatic ports of Ravenna, Venice (Italy) and Koper (Slovenia) with the Aegean ports of Salonika (Greece) Istanbul and Izmir (Turkey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sermar Line s.r.l (IT) • Sistemi Territoriali S.p.A (IT) • Meridiana Shipping Agency d.o.o (SI) • Intercargo Ltd (EL) • Puma Shipping & Logistics s.a. (TR) 	1.289.300
019	mod	IGOR New container shipping service between Antwerp (Belgium) and Hamina (Finland), in combination with a rail link from Haminato St Petersburg (Russia).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spedition Services Ltd (UK) • Spedition Services Finland Oy (FI). 	1.520.108
020	mod	Dutch-Russian lo-lo New regular lo-lo shipping service between Harlingen (The Netherlands) and Ventpils (Latvia), with adjacent rail transport from Ventpils to Moscow (Russia).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harlingen North Connect Line B.V. (NL) • CF&S Estonia AS (LV) 	1.232.733
021	mod	Gateway-to-Moscow New regular railway corridor for the carriage of containers between Zeebrugge (Belgium) and Moscow (Russia), with the objective of reaching five trains and five roundtrips per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P&O Ferrymasters Ltd. (UK) • P&O Ferrymasters Kft. (HU) • P&O Ferrymasters NV (BE) 	1.010.000

Prop. No (TREN/G2/SUB /01-2008 MP- II/-)	Action type ²	Project Acronym Short Description	Companies Benefiting (Lead Company in bold)	Community contribution [€]
024	mod	OBSTE Upgrade of an existing ro-ro/ro-pax shipping service between Lübeck (Germany) and St Petersburg (St Petersburg). A fleet of one ro-pax and three ro-ro vessels will turn into a fleet of three ro-pax vessels and one ro-ro vessel, with increased capacity for trucks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finnlines Deutschland GmbH (DE) • Translog LLC (RU) 	1.304.606
026	cla	GLAD Project aiming to improve the logistics operators and logistics students understanding of intermodal freight transport and increasing the demand for non-road transport. This is done by providing the information and tools required to promote the European notion of co-modality to decision makers and managers of logistics chains.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Escola Europea de Short Sea Shipping, A.E.I.E. (ES) • Autoritat Portuària de Barcelona (ES) • Autorità Portuale di Civitavecchia (IT) • Autorità Portuale di Genova (IT) • Ferrocarriles de Via Estrecha (ES) 	1.355.152
027	mod	ENERCON Tri-modal Implementation of non-road transport solutions for Wind Energy Converters (WEC): from Aurich and Magdeburg (Germany) to Viana do Castelo (Portugal), by rail, ship and road where the WECs are produced, and from Germany to many other locations throughout Europe, by rail or ship and road where the WECs are assembled on-site for energy production. The Germany-Portugal shipping service has a schedule of two trips per week. The Germany to site transport leg will have a schedule adapted to the specific needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENERCON GmbH (DE) • ENEOP 3 Desenvolvimento de Projeto Industrial S.A. (PT) 	1.268.577
029	mod	PROXAL-2 Rail service for Nestlé full water bottles (290,000 pallets per year) from France, at the Vittel and Contrex plants near Vosges (France), to Worms (Germany). The return trip is made with empty bottles (70,000 pallets per year). This project aims at operating 900 full trains during the 36 months of the action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nestlé Waters Marketing & Distribution (FR) • Nestlé Waters Deutschland (DE) 	535.000
031	mod	ULYSSES New regular maritime service between Genoa and Catania (Italy) to Patras/Igoumenitsa (Greece) for the transport of trailers, semi-trailers and other rolling cargo. Starting with one roundtrip weekly, the frequency of the service is expected to be doubled through the deployment of a second vessel in the second year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atlantica S.p.A. di Navigazione (IT) • Minoan Lines S.A. (EL) 	1.124.000

Prop. No (TREN/G2/SUB /01-2008 MP- II/-)	Action type ²	Project Acronym Short Description	Companies Benefiting (Lead Company in bold)	Community contribution [€]
032	mod	AUTOROM New rail service for finished vehicles from the factory in Pitesti (Romania) to the hub of Valenton (France). A frequency of two roundtrips per week is foreseen.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STVA, Immeuble Le Cardinet (FR) • Ansett-Logistics (RO) 	850.000
033	mod	AVELINE This project will develop a ferry shipping service between Lübeck/Travemünde (Germany) and Liepaja (Latvia) aiming to reduce the transit time of freight for the Baltic and Russian markets. The service should run 6 times a week and target time-critical goods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AVE logistic SIA (LV) • MJ Logistic OU (EE) 	1.778.126
035	mod	COPVIT New combined inland waterway-rail service between Passau (Germany) and Vidin (Bulgaria), Istanbul (Turkey) and Thessaloniki (Greece). The first part of the route between Passau and Vidin will be by inland shipping on the Danube, and from Vidin the transport of goods continues by block train to Thessaloniki or Istanbul.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fanty-GOOD (BG) • Bulgarian State Railways, BDZ EAD (BG) • Fanty-G&T Wasser-und Strassentransportspedition GmbH (DE) 	1.377.814
036	mod	KATRASYS/INTRASYS New intermodal transport chain connecting Italy to Bulgaria and Romania via road, SSS and railways with a daily service. The transport chain is arranged by road, Barletta to Bari, by sea, Bari to Bar, by rail, Bar to Sofia Terminal, and by road from Arad to final delivery points.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borraccino Trasporti srl (IT) • Box&Boxes ood (BG) • Bari Port Authority (IT) • Provincia di Bari (IT) • Bar Port Authority (CG) • Agesta srl (IT) • Morfimare srl (IT) • Sitra doo (CG) 	1.976.148
038	mod	KOBALINK Upgrading of a shipping service linking the two car terminals Koper (Slovenia) and Barcelona (Spain). The new service will provide round-trips 3 times a month for the automotive industry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luka Koper (SI) • Autoterminal S. A. (ES) • Neptune Lines Shipping & Managing Enterprises S.A. (EL) 	2.041.251
043	mod	ROLBAL New regular shuttle train connection between Barcelona (Spain) and Lyon (France). The service is directed to maritime containers. It is foreseen to have a frequency of three roundtrips per week.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naviland Cargo (FR) • Renfe (ES) • Port of Barcelona (ES) 	572.645

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044	mod	HÖDI New regular shuttle train connection between Neuss (Germany) and Schwertberg (Austria) to transport finished vehicles. It is foreseen to have a frequency of four roundtrips per week.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hödlmayr International AG (AT) • Wiener Lokalbahnen Cargo GmbH (AT) • HN Autotransport N.V. (BE) 	1.245.475
045	mod	FerroChem Italia New direct combined rail service of dangerous goods between Marseille/Fos (France) and Milan (Italy). The objective is to have five roundtrips per week.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERMECHEM (FR) • CHEM Terminal (IT) 	977.000
046	mod	TOVAL New direct block-booked train connection from Turin (Italy) to Valladolid (Spain), targeting the continental traffic flow of the automotive freight sector with the objective of reaching two roundtrips per week in the project period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arcese Trasporti, S.p.A. (IT) • Arcese Transporte España, S. A. (ES) 	762.418

Annex II: 13 proposals rejected for funding in the 2008 selection procedure under Council Regulation 1692/2006

Prop. No	Action type ³	Project Acronym	Company applying
Proposals passing total score threshold but not reaching at least one of the thresholds for individual evaluation criteria			
004	mod	NEA-MS	• Autotrasporti Pedot (IT)
016	cla	Intermodal XML	• Norstella (NO)
039	mod	MARIMODAL	• Maritramp Shipping Services Ltd (CY)
034	cla	CostMAP	• University of Southern Denmark (DA)
042	mod	ARTS	• PROODOS S.A. (EL)
Proposals not passing the total score threshold			
006	mod	ULTRAVIOLET	• Società Alpe Adria S.p.A. (IT)
015	cla	TOPIQ	• Union Internationale des sociétés de transport combine Rail-Route (UIRR scrl) (BE)
018	cla	STATE	• Buck Consultants International BV (NL)
023	mod	DVS Train	• DSV Road AB (SE)
028	cat	FASTLINK II	• TRW sa (BE)
030	mos	M.o.S..	• ASI (IT)
040	mod	Genk-Mouguerre-Rail	• H. Essers & Zonen NV (BE)
041	cat	ESTRaB	• Cargobeamer AG (DE)

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