

## Explanatory Note Investors Outreach

### **Inaugural Global Gateway Investors' Forum on Sustainable Transport Connections between Europe and Central Asia, Brussels on 29-30 January 2024**

The Investors' Forum takes forward the conclusions of the EU-commissioned [Study on Sustainable Transport Connections between Europe and Central Asia](#) by contributing to the long-term objective of making the Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor a multimodal, modern, competitive, sustainable, predictable, smart and fast route linking Europe and Central Asia in 15 days, or less.

Concretely, the Forum aims to kick-start the process for implementing and coordinating investments along the Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor by following up on specific actions identified in the Study. Notably, this will involve mobilising investors on specific projects, with concrete and realistic timelines and financial commitments.

The European Commission has drawn up a tentative prioritised list of “project baskets”, categorising the 33 infrastructure projects recommended in the Study; the list ranks projects by level of maturity and feasibility in three groups/baskets. The Commission is now engaging with organisations that are showing an interest in participating in the Forum to explore their readiness to make contributions to specific projects in the short, medium and long term.

In addition to the infrastructure investments, this may also include support in the seven soft connectivity areas identified in the Study or technical assistance provided in areas such as feasibility studies etc. Additionally, the Commission is exploring the interest of partners in making more general funding announcements at the Forum to support transport infrastructure in Central Asia, not linked to concrete projects.

Please find therefore attached to this explanatory note two additional documents:

- A) The **prioritised list of project baskets**: it regroups the recommended infrastructure projects identified in the Study, to allow for concrete discussions on prospective interest in making contributions.
- B) A **questionnaire to guide preparations for the Investors' Forum**: it spells out the specific issues the Commission is raising during the preparatory outreach to potential investors.

We would appreciate if you could send us back your responses to these questions by **21 December 2023**, emailing [INTPA-INVESTORS-FORUM@ec.europa.eu](mailto:INTPA-INVESTORS-FORUM@ec.europa.eu).

We will be particularly keen to hear from you on possible commitments on hard infrastructure, soft connectivity or technical assistance you would make at the Investors' Forum regarding questions 7 and 8 of the questionnaire.