

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article :_Article III-140 (ex Article 155)

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Article III-140 (ex Article 155)

1. In order to achieve the objectives referred to in [Article III-139 (ex 154)], the Union:
- (a) shall establish a series of guidelines covering the objectives, priorities and broad lines of measures envisaged in the sphere of trans-European networks; these guidelines shall identify projects of common interest;
 - (b) shall implement any measures that may prove necessary to ensure the interoperability of the networks, in particular in the field of technical standardisation;
 - (c) may support projects of common interest supported by Member States, which are identified in the framework of the guidelines referred to in point (a), particularly through feasibility studies, loan guarantees or interest-rate subsidies; the Union may also contribute, through the Cohesion Fund to the financing of specific projects in Member States in the area of transport infrastructure.

The Union's activities shall take into account the potential economic, *social and environmental* viability of the projects.

Explanation if any :

Article III-140 (ex-article 155) requests the UE to assess economic viability of TENs projects. This viability should be measured not only on the basis of its financial viability, but also on the basis of the integration of social and ecological costs in the final viability assessment.