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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2010/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2010 on the framework for the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems in the field of road transport and for interfaces with other modes of transport¹,

Whereas,

- (1) Directive 2010/40/EU requires, in Article 17(5), the Commission to adopt by 27 February 2011 a working programme on the implementation of the Directive,
- (2) According to Article 17(5) of the Directive, the Working Programme shall include objectives and dates for its implementation every year and may be subject to adaptations if necessary.
- (3) In its Communication² to the European Parliament concerning the position of the Council at first reading on the adoption of an amended proposal for the Directive, the Commission envisaged an indicative timetable, covering the years 2012-2014, for the adoption of the necessary specifications for the six Priority Actions as defined in Article 3 of Directive 2010/40/EU.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European ITS Committee (EIC),

¹ OJ L 207, 6.8.2010, p. 1-13

² COM(2010)251 final of 18.5.2010

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The working programme on the implementation of Directive 2010/40/EU, as set out in Annex I, is hereby adopted.

Done at Brussels, 15 February 2011

For the Commission
Siim Kallas
Vice-President

ANNEX 1
Working Programme on the implementation of Directive 2010/40/EU

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1. INTRODUCTION

The deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems (hereafter: ITS) in road transport has been much slower than in other modes of transport and ITS services have been often deployed on a fragmented basis. Voluntary agreements and standardisation have failed to deliver significant progress in terms of deployment and use of such systems.

The Commission therefore adopted on 16 December 2008 an Action Plan for the Deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems in Europe (COM(2008)886). On 7 July 2010 the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union adopted Directive 2010/40/EU on the framework for the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems in the field of road transport and for interfaces with other transport modes, hereafter referred as the ITS Directive.

Whereas the Action Plan outlines six Priority Areas and the related measures for speeding up the deployment and interoperability of ITS in road transport across the European Union, the ITS Directive provides the legal framework for the implementation of the actions required for an effective and coordinated deployment and use of ITS. Within the context of this framework, the Commission is empowered to adopt, through delegated acts, the detailed specifications necessary to ensure the compatibility, interoperability and continuity for the deployment and operational use of ITS.

2. REFERENCE FOR THE WORKING PROGRAMME

Article 17(5) of the ITS Directive reads:

“In accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 15(2), the Commission shall adopt a working program by 27 February 2011. The working program shall include objectives and dates for its implementation every year and if necessary shall propose the necessary adaptations.”

In its Communication³ to the European Parliament pursuant to Article 294 (6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union concerning the position of the Council at first reading on the adoption of an amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the framework for the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems in the field of road transport and for interfaces with other transport modes, the Commission communicated an indicative timetable for the adoption of the necessary specifications for the Priority Actions as referred to in Article 3 of the ITS Directive.

³ COM(2010)251 final of 18.5.2010

3. SCOPE OF THE WORKING PROGRAMME

Objective

The objective of the Working Programme is to give a general overview of the activities the Commission expects to perform as regards the implementation of the ITS Directive, and to provide a detailed description and a timeline for the activities regarding the specifications related to the six Priority Actions as defined in Article 3 of the ITS Directive.

Taking into account the progress achieved in the implementation of the Working Programme, necessary adaptations could be proposed to this Working Programme. These adaptations could cover the timing, or the extension of the Working Programme to actions defined in Annex I of the ITS Directive beyond the six Priority Actions referred to in Article 3.

Duration

Taking into account that the Commission, as per Article 6(1) of the ITS Directive, shall first adopt specifications in the six Priority Actions defined in Article 3, considering the indicative timetable communicated by the Commission for the adoption of these specifications and covering the years 2012 to 2014, and acknowledging the possibility, provided in Article 17(5) of the ITS Directive to propose, if needed, necessary adaptations to the Working Programme, the initial duration of the Working Programme shall cover 5 years, from 2011 to 2015.

It should also be noted, in addition, that, in accordance with Article 12(1) of the Directive 2010/40/EU, the Commission shall make a report in respect of the delegated powers no later than 27 February 2015.

4. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE WORKING PROGRAMME

The ITS Directive provides a framework in support of the coordinated and coherent deployment and use of ITS within the Union, in particular across the borders between the Member States, and sets out the general conditions necessary for that purpose. It provides for the development of specifications for actions within the four Priority Areas referred to in Article 2 of the Directive, as well as for the development, where appropriate, of necessary standards.

The tasks of the Commission as per the ITS Directive consist primarily of the adoption of specifications, but also include the creation of the European ITS Committee and of the ITS Advisory Group, and regular reporting on the achieved progress.

As regards specifications, the Commission may adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 290 of the TFEU. The power to adopt the delegated acts referred to in Article 7 of the ITS Directive shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of seven years following 27 August 2010. This shall apply to ITS applications and services in the field of road transport and to their interfaces with other modes of transport.

As expressed in Article 6.6 of the Directive, the specifications shall, where appropriate, be based on any standard referred to in Article 8. For the development of the necessary standards, the Commission, after having consulted the European ITS Committee, shall request the relevant

standardisation bodies in accordance with the procedure laid down in Directive 98/34/EC to make every necessary effort to adopt these standards rapidly.

Member States, through their experts, will be closely associated in the preparatory work for the development of the necessary specifications for guaranteeing interoperability, compatibility and continuity for the deployment and operational use of ITS for the Priority Actions.

In this process, and pursuant to Article 16 of the ITS Directive, the European ITS Advisory Group, composed of high level representatives from relevant ITS service providers, associations of users, transport and facilities operators, manufacturing industry, social partners, professional associations, local authorities and other relevant fora, will advise the Commission on business and technical aspects of the deployment and use of ITS in the Union.

In addition, the Commission plans to organise an annual ITS Conference in order to communicate on the implementation of the ITS Action Plan and Directive and debate the deployment of ITS in Europe in the framework of the ITS Directive.

The following table gives a general yearly overview of the main tasks/activities to be performed by the Commission during the period 2011-2015 as regards the implementation of the ITS Directive:

Activities	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Adoption of Work Programme					
Creation of the European ITS Advisory Group					
Adoption of guidelines for reporting					
Adoption of Specifications for the six Priority Actions					
Reports on implementation progress (2013) and delegated powers (2015)					

5. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES RELATED TO SPECIFICATIONS

The six Priority Actions for the development and use of specifications and standards are defined in Article 3 of the ITS Directive and its Annex I as follows:

(a) *the provision of EU-wide multimodal travel information services*; i.e. the definition of the necessary requirements to make EU-wide multimodal travel information services accurate and available across borders to ITS users,

(b) *the provision of EU-wide real-time traffic information services*; i.e. the definition of the necessary requirements to make EU-wide real-time traffic information services accurate and available across borders to ITS users,

(c) *data and procedures for the provision, where possible, of road safety related minimum universal traffic information free of charge to users*; i.e. the definition of minimum requirements, for road

safety related ‘universal traffic information’ provided, where possible, free of charge to all users, as well as their minimum content,

(d) the harmonised provision for an interoperable EU-wide eCall; i.e. the definition of the necessary measures for the harmonised provision of an interoperable EU-wide eCall,

(e) the provision of information services for safe and secure parking places for trucks and commercial vehicles; i.e. the definition of the necessary measures to provide ITS based information services for safe and secure parking places for trucks and commercial vehicles, in particular in service and rest areas on roads,

(f) the provision of reservation services for safe and secure parking places for trucks and commercial vehicles; i.e. the definition of the necessary measures to provide ITS based reservation services for safe and secure parking places for trucks and commercial vehicles,

The six following tables describe in detail the activities the Commission expects to perform during the period 2011-2015 as regards the preparation and development of specifications related to the six Priority Actions as defined in Article 3 of the ITS Directive :

(a) EU-wide multimodal travel information services	1Q11	2Q11	3Q11	4Q11	1Q12	2Q12	3Q12	4Q12	1Q13	2Q13	3Q13	4Q13	1Q14	2Q14	3Q14	4Q14
Analysis and Preparation, including: - external study - consultation with stakeholders - appropriate consultation with MS experts																
Impact Assessment																
Drafting of specifications, including: - opinion of the ITS Advisory Group - appropriate consultation with MS experts																
Final draft and Inter-service consultation																
Adoption																

Timeline for activities for priority action (a)

(b) EU-wide real-time traffic information services	1Q11	2Q11	3Q11	4Q11	1Q12	2Q12	3Q12	4Q12	1Q13	2Q13	3Q13	4Q13	1Q14	2Q14	3Q14	4Q14
Analysis and Preparation, including: - external study - consultation with stakeholders - appropriate consultation with MS experts	■	■	■	■	■											
Impact Assessment					■	■	■	■								
Drafting of specifications, including: - opinion of the ITS Advisory Group - appropriate consultation with MS experts									■	■						
Final draft and Inter-service consultation											■					
Adoption												■				

Timeline for activities for priority action (b)

(c) road safety related minimum universal traffic information free of charge to users	1Q11	2Q11	3Q11	4Q11	1Q12	2Q12	3Q12	4Q12	1Q13	2Q13	3Q13	4Q13	1Q14	2Q14	3Q14	4Q14
Analysis and Preparation, including: - external study - consultation with stakeholders - appropriate consultation with MS experts																
Impact Assessment																
Drafting of specifications, including: - opinion of the ITS Advisory Group - appropriate consultation with MS experts																
Final draft and Inter-service consultation																
Adoption																

Timeline for activities for priority action (c)

(d) interoperable EU-wide eCall	1Q11	2Q11	3Q11	4Q11	1Q12	2Q12	3Q12	4Q12	1Q13	2Q13	3Q13	4Q13	1Q14	2Q14	3Q14	4Q14
Finalisation of the Impact Assessment																
Drafting specifications, including: - consultation with Experts (including appropriate consultation with MS experts)																
2 nd iteration of drafting; including: - opinion of the ITS Advisory Group - appropriate consultation with MS experts																
Final draft and Inter-service consultation																
Adoption																

Timeline for activities for priority action (d)

(e) information services for safe and secure parking	1Q11	2Q11	3Q11	4Q11	1Q12	2Q12	3Q12	4Q12	1Q13	2Q13	3Q13	4Q13	1Q14	2Q14	3Q14	4Q14
Analysis and Preparation, including: - external study - consultation with stakeholders - appropriate consultation with MS experts																
Impact Assessment																
Drafting of specifications, including: - opinion of the ITS Advisory Group - appropriate consultation with MS experts																
Final draft and Inter-service consultation																
Adoption																

Timeline for activities for priority action (e)

(f) reservation services for safe and secure parking	1Q11	2Q11	3Q11	4Q11	1Q12	2Q12	3Q12	4Q12	1Q13	2Q13	3Q13	4Q13	1Q14	2Q14	3Q14	4Q14
Analysis and Preparation, including: - external study - consultation with stakeholders - appropriate consultation with MS experts																
Impact Assessment																
Drafting of specifications, including: - opinion of the ITS Advisory Group - appropriate consultation with MS experts																
Final draft and Inter-service consultation																
Adoption																

Timeline for activities for priority action (f)

6. ADAPTATIONS TO THE WORKING PROGRAMME

Pursuant to Article 17(4) of the ITS Directive, the Commission shall submit a first report before 27 August 2013 to the European Parliament and to the Council on the progress made for the implementation of this Directive, including an analysis on the completion of the present working programme.

In addition, and prior to that, the Commission will also issue in 2012 a mid-term evaluation report for the ITS Action Plan (COM(2008)886), covering notably similar and related actions to the ones defined in Annex I of the ITS Directive.

Taking into account the progress achieved in the implementation of the Working Programme, necessary adaptations to it could be proposed if needed. These adaptations could cover notably the timing of the activities or the extension of the Working Programme, beyond the six Priority Actions referred to in Article 3, to the other actions defined in Annex I of the ITS Directive.