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**on Community guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network**

**(Recast)**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

## **ANNEX II**

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#### **SECTION 2**

##### **Road network**

In addition to projects relating to the links in Annex I, projects of common interest will be deemed to include any infrastructure project relating to such links which deals with:

- A. Development of the network, and in particular:
- widening of motorways or upgrading of roads,
  - construction or improvement of bypasses or ring roads,
  - increasing the interoperability of national networks.
- B. Development of traffic management and user information systems, and in particular:
- establishment of telematic infrastructures for collecting traffic data,
  - developing traffic information centres and traffic control centres, as well as exchanges of data between traffic information centres in different countries,
  - establishing road information services, in particular the RDS-TMC system<sup>2</sup>,
  - technical interoperability of telematic infrastructures.

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<sup>1</sup> These criteria and specifications refer to the corresponding sections referred to in the enacting terms and/or Annex I.

<sup>2</sup> A radio-based digital road traffic message system in which the general message stream can be tuned to the individual needs of the road user.

## SECTION 3

### Rail network

In addition to projects relating to the links in Annex I, projects of common interest will be deemed to include any infrastructure project relating to such links which deals with:

- interoperability between trans-European railway systems,
- interconnection with networks of other modes of transport.

## SECTION 4

### Inland waterways network and inland ports

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↓ 1346/2001/EC Art. 1 pt. 6 (a)  
(adapted)

#### Inland ports

Projects of common interest must relate solely to infrastructure open to any user on a non-discriminatory basis.

In addition to projects relating to the connections and inland ports mentioned in Annex I, projects of common interest will be deemed to include any infrastructure project corresponding to one or more of the following categories:

- 1) access to the port from waterways;
- 2) port infrastructure inside the port area;
- 3) other transport infrastructures inside the port area;
- 4) other transport infrastructures linking the port to other elements of the trans-European transport network.

Any project which concerns the following work will be deemed to be of common interest: construction and maintenance of all elements of the transport system generally open to all transport users within the port and of links with the national or international transport network. In particular, this  includes  the development and maintenance of land for commercial and other port-related purposes, the construction and maintenance of road and rail connections, the construction and maintenance, including dredging, of access routes and of other areas of water in the port, and the construction and maintenance of navigation aids and traffic management, communication and information systems in the port and on the access routes.

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↓ 1692/96/EC

#### Traffic management

Projects of common interest will be deemed to include in particular:

- a signalling and guidance system for vessels, in particular those carrying dangerous or polluting goods,
- communications systems for emergencies and inland waterway safety.

## **SECTION 5**

### **Seaports**

#### **1. Common conditions for projects of common interest relating to seaports in the network**

Projects of common interest must relate solely to infrastructure open to any user on a non-discriminatory basis.

Any project which concerns the following work will be deemed to be of common interest: construction and maintenance of all elements of the transport system generally open to all transport users within the port and of links with the national or international transport network. In particular, this  includes  the development and maintenance of land for commercial and other port-related purposes, the construction and maintenance of road and rail connections, the construction and maintenance, including dredging, of access routes and of other areas of water in the port, and the construction and maintenance of navigation aids and traffic management, communication and information systems in the port and on the access routes.

## 2. Specifications for projects of common interest relating to the seaport network

Any project which meets the following specifications will be deemed to be of common interest:

Project specifications	Port category
<b>I. Promotion of Short Sea Shipping</b>	
Infrastructure necessary for the development of short-distance sea and sea-river shipping	Projects relating to ports in category A
<b>II. Access to ports</b>	
Access to ports from sea or inland waterway	Projects relating to ports in categories A and B
Permanent accessibility of ports in the Baltic Sea situated at approximately latitude 60° north and beyond, including capital costs for ice-breaking works during winter	Projects relating to ports in categories A, B and C
Creation or improvement of hinterland access linking the port to other elements of the trans-European transport network through rail, road and inland-waterway connections	Projects relating to ports in category A
Development of existing hinterland access linking the port to other elements of the trans-European transport network through rail, road and inland-waterway connections	Projects relating to ports in categories A and B
<b>III. Port infrastructure within the port area</b>	
Development of port infrastructure in order to increase intermodal efficiency	Projects relating to ports in categories A and B
Upgrading of the port infrastructure, in particular in ports on islands and in peripheral and outermost regions	Projects relating to ports in category C

Development and installation of management and information systems such as EDI (electronic data interchange) or other systems of intelligent management of goods and passenger traffic using integrated technologies

Projects relating to ports in categories A, B and C

Development of port installations to receive waste

Projects relating to ports in categories A, B and C

↓ 1692/96/EC

## SECTION 6

### Airports

#### I. Eligibility criteria for airports of common interest

Airports of common interest must meet the criteria of one of the following connecting points:

- 1) International connecting points will include:
  - all airports or airport systems<sup>3</sup> with an annual traffic volume of no less than:
    - 5 000 000 passenger movements minus 10%,  
or
    - 100 000 commercial aircraft movements,  
or
    - 150 000 tonnes freight throughput,  
or
    - 1 000 000 extra-Community passenger movements;  
or
  - any new airport constructed to replace an existing international connecting point which cannot be developed further on its site.
- 2) Community connecting points will include:
  - all airports or airport systems with an annual traffic volume of:
    - between 1 000 000 minus 10% and 4 499 999 passenger movements,  
or
    - between 50 000 and 149 999 tonnes freight throughput,  
or
    - between 500 000 and 899 999 passenger movements, of which at least 30% are non-national,  
or

<sup>3</sup> Airport systems (OJ L 240, 24.8.1992, p. 14).

- between 300 000 and 899 999 passenger movements and located off the European mainland at a distance of over 500 km from the nearest international connecting point;
  - or
  - any new airport constructed to replace an existing Community connecting point which cannot be developed further on its site.
- 3) Regional connecting points and accessibility points will include all airports
- with an annual traffic volume of between 500 000 and 899 999 passenger movements, of which less than 30% are non-national,
  - or
  - with an annual traffic volume of between 250 000 minus 10% and 499 999 passenger movements,
  - or
  - with an annual traffic volume of between 10 000 and 49 999 tonnes freight throughput,
  - or
  - located on an island of a Member State,
  - or
  - located in a landlocked area of the Community with commercial services operated by aircraft with a maximum take-off weight in excess of 10 tonnes.

An airport is located in a landlocked area if it is situated outside a radius of over 100 km from the nearest international or Community connecting point. This distance may, by way of exception, be reduced to 75 km in order to take account of difficult access due to the geographical situation or the poor quality of the inland transport infrastructure.

## II. Specifications for projects of common interest related to the airport network

All project will qualify as a project of common interest if it meets the following specifications:

Project specifications	Type of connecting point principally concerned <sup>4</sup>
<b>I. Optimisation of existing airport capacity</b>	
<i>Measure 1:</i> Optimisation of the existing capacity in terms of aircraft, passenger or freight movements, including the airport's air navigation equipment	International connecting point Community connecting point Regional connecting point and accessibility point

<sup>4</sup> This table does not exclude the measures concerned from being extended to other connecting points in certain, duly justified, special cases.



<i>Measure 2:</i> Improvement of airport security and safety	International connecting point Community connecting point Regional connecting point and accessibility point
<i>Measure 3:</i> Adaptation of existing infrastructures made necessary by completion of the internal market and in particular by the measures governing the free movement of persons within the Union	International connecting point Community connecting point Regional connecting point and accessibility point
<b>II. Development of new airport capacities</b>	
<i>Measure 4:</i> Development of the infrastructure and equipment which determine airport capacity in terms of aircraft, passenger or freight movements, including the airport's air navigation equipment	International connecting point Community connecting point
<i>Measure 5:</i> Construction of new airport to replace an existing airport or airport system which cannot be developed further on its site	International connecting point Community connecting point
<b>III. Improvement of protection against nuisances generated by airport activities</b>	
<i>Measure 6:</i> Improvement of environmental compatibility in terms of noise and the treatment of airport effluent	International connecting point Community connecting point
<b>IV. Improvement or development of airport access</b>	
<i>Measure 7:</i> Improvement or development of interfaces between the airport and access infrastructures	International connecting point Community connecting point
<i>Measure 8:</i> Improvement and development of interconnections with other transport networks, and more specifically the rail network	International connecting point Community connecting point

## SECTION 7

### Combined transport network

In addition to the projects relating to links specified in Annex I, projects of common interest will be deemed to include any project concerning:

- construction or upgrading of railway or inland waterway infrastructures in order to make the transport of intermodal loading units technically possible and economically viable,

↓ 1346/2001/EC Art. 1 pt. 6(c)

- construction or development of centres for transfers between inland types of transport, including the setting up within the terminal of transshipment equipment with the corresponding infrastructure,
- adaptation of port areas, making it possible to develop or improve combined transport between sea transport and rail, inland waterway or road transport,

↓ 1692/96/EC

- railway transport equipment specially adapted to combined transport where so required by the nature of the infrastructure, particularly as regards the cost of the possible adaptation of such infrastructure and subject to the use of such equipment being associated with the infrastructure in question and the operators concerned being able to avail themselves of it on a non-discriminatory basis.

## SECTION 8

### Shipping information and management network

Projects of common interest will be deemed to include any project:

- relating to the objectives of Community shipping safety policy, or
- or
- designed to implement international conventions and resolutions of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in the area of shipping safety and concerning:
  - implementation of the Community system of notification of vessels bound for or coming from Community ports or transiting off Community coasts, with the aid of an electronic system of data exchanges also including transmission of data between vessels and land installations via transponders, particular attention will be given to EDI (electronic data interchange) electronic systems of data exchange including compatible interfaces,
  - the development and improvement of the LORAN-C land-based radio-navigation channels,
  - the development or improvement of coastal and port shipping management and information systems (VTS) and their interconnection, with a view to safer and more effective surveillance and management of shipping, in particular in converging, busy, or environmentally sensitive areas,
  - the development of tools to improve understanding of traffic: databases on traffic flows and shipping accidents, development of the European Permanent Traffic Observatory (EPTO) tool for analysing traffic flows,
  - the development of infrastructure and equipment in order to further the implementation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS),
  - the improvement of telematic data exchange systems in the context of port state control of vessels.

## **SECTION 9**

### **Air traffic management network**

Projects of common interest are deemed to include any project leading to an increase in the capacity of the system and optimizing its use which forms part of a pattern of harmonization and integration of the facilities and procedures of the various national connecting points and complies with the relevant international standards defined by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and by the competent European bodies, all of the foregoing taking account in particular of the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (Eurocontrol).

Such projects relate to:

- studies on better utilization of airspace by the various users and the establishment of a consistent and efficient system of routes,
- air traffic planning and management which helps supply keep pace with demand and makes optimal use of available control capacities,
- the studies and work necessary for the harmonization of facilities and procedures so as to integrate the various service providers taking particular account of the guidelines adopted by the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC),
- the improvement of system productivity, in particular by means of automated control assistance and potential conflict detection and resolution systems,
- contributions to the installation of means of communication, navigation and surveillance necessary for air traffic control, including the promotion of new technologies, in particular satellites and digital data networks, where that leads to compliance with European common specifications.

## **SECTION 10**

### **Positioning and navigation network**

Projects of common interest are deemed to include any project relating to the establishment of any component of the future European Radio Navigation Plan or of a global satellite positioning and navigation system forming part of the following structure:

- control centre comprising a processing and control system,
  - network of earth navigation stations,
  - space segment composed of satellites enabling navigation signals to be transmitted,
  - network of surveillance stations.
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### **ANNEX III**

#### **PRIORITY PROJECTS ON WHICH WORK IS DUE TO START BEFORE 2010**

1. Railway axis Berlin-Verona/Milan-Bologna-Naples-Messina-Palermo

- Halle/Leipzig-Nuremberg (2015)
- Nuremberg-Munich (2006)
- Munich-Kufstein (2015)
- Kufstein-Innsbruck (2009)
- Brenner Tunnel (2015), cross-border section
- Verona-Naples (2007)
- Milan-Bologna (2006)
- Rail/road bridge over the Strait of Messina-Palermo (2015)

2. High-speed railway axis Paris-Brussels-Cologne-Amsterdam-London

- Channel tunnel-London (2007)
- Brussels-Liège-Cologne (2007)
- Brussels-Rotterdam-Amsterdam (2007)<sup>5</sup>

3. High-speed railway axis of south-west Europe

- Lisbon/Porto-Madrid (2011)<sup>6</sup>
- Madrid-Barcelona (2005)
- Barcelona-Figueras-Perpignan (2008)
- Perpignan-Montpellier (2015)
- Montpellier-Nîmes (2010)
- Madrid-Vitoria-Irún/Hendaye (2010)
- Irún/Hendaye-Dax, cross-border section (2010)
- Dax-Bordeaux (2020)
- Bordeaux-Tours (2015)

4. High-speed railway axis east

- Paris-Baudrecourt (2007)
- Metz-Luxembourg (2007)
- Saarbrücken-Mannheim (2007)

5. Betuwe line (2007)

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<sup>5</sup> Including the two high-speed train stations in Rotterdam and Amsterdam which were not included in the project endorsed by the Essen European Council in 1994.

<sup>6</sup> Including links Lisbon-Porto (2013), Lisbon-Madrid (2010) and Aveiro-Salamanca (2015).

6. Lyon-Trieste-Divača/Koper-Divača-Ljubljana-Budapest-Ukrainian border rail link<sup>7</sup>

- Lyon-St Jean de Maurienne (2015)
- Mont-Cenis tunnel (2015-2017), cross-border section
- Bussoleno-Turin (2011)
- Turin-Venice (2010)
- Venice-Ronchi Sud-Trieste Divača (2015)
- Koper- Divača -Ljubljana (2015)
- Ljubljana-Budapest (2015)

7. Motorway axis Igoumenitsa/Patra-Athens-Sofia-Budapest

- Via Egnatia (2006)
- Pathe (2008)
- Sofia-Kulata-Greek/Bulgarian border motorway (2010), with Promahon-Kulata as cross-border section
- Nadlac-Sibiu motorway (branch towards Bucuresti and Constanța) (2007)

8. Multimodal axis Portugal/Spain-rest of Europe<sup>8</sup>

- Railway La Coruña-Lisbon-Sines (2010)
- Railway Lisbon-Valladolid (2010)
- Railway Lisbon-Faro (2004)
- Lisbon-Valladolid motorway (2010)
- La Coruña-Lisbon motorway (2003)
- Seville-Lisbon motorway (completed 2001)
- New Lisbon airport (2015)

9. Railway axis Cork-Dublin-Belfast-Stranraer<sup>9</sup> (2001)

10. Malpensa (completed 2001)<sup>10</sup>

11. Öresund fixed link (completed 2000)<sup>11</sup>

12. Nordic triangle railway/road axis

- Road and railway projects in Sweden (2010)<sup>12</sup>
- Helsinki-Turku motorway (2010)
- Railway Kerava-Lahti (2006)
- Helsinki-Vaalimaa motorway (2015)

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<sup>7</sup> Parts of this route correspond to pan-European corridor V.

<sup>8</sup> Including upgrade of ports and airports (2015) as in accordance with the contents endorsed by the Essen/Dublin European Council.

<sup>9</sup> A further increase in capacity on this line was decided in 2003 and added as a separate project.

<sup>10</sup> Project completed.

<sup>11</sup> Project completed.

<sup>12</sup> A few short sections of road and railway line will be completed between 2010 and 2015.

- Railway Helsinki-Vainikkala (Russian border) (2014)
- 13. UK/Ireland/Benelux road axis (2010)
- 14. West coast main line (2007)
- 15. Galileo (2008)
- 16. Freight railway axis Sines/Algeciras-Madrid-Paris
  - New high-capacity rail axis across the Pyrenees
  - Railway Sines-Badajoz (2010)
  - Railway line Algeciras-Bobadilla (2010)
- 17. Railway axis Paris-Strasbourg-Stuttgart-Vienna-Bratislava
  - Baudrecourt-Strasbourg-Stuttgart (2015) with the Kehl bridge as cross-border section
  - Stuttgart-Ulm (2012)
  - Munich-Salzburg (2015), cross-border section
  - Salzburg-Vienna (2012)
  - Vienna-Bratislava (2010), cross-border section
- 18. Rhine/Meuse-Main-Danube inland waterway axis<sup>13</sup>
  - Rhine-Meuse (2019) with the lock of Lanaye as cross-border section
  - Vilshofen-Straubing (2013)
  - Vienna-Bratislava (2015), cross-border section
  - Palkovicovo-Mohács (2014)
  - Bottlenecks in Romania and Bulgaria (2011)
- 19. High-speed rail interoperability on the Iberian peninsula
  - Madrid-Andalusia (2010)
  - North-east (2010)
  - Madrid-Levante and Mediterranean (2010)
  - North/North-west corridor, including Vigo-Porto (2010)
  - Extremadura (2010)
- 20. Fehmarn Belt railway axis
  - Fehmarn Belt fixed rail/road link (2014)
  - Railway for access in Denmark from Öresund (2015)
  - Railway for access in Germany from Hamburg (2015)
  - Railway Hannover-Hamburg/Bremen (2015)
- 21. Motorways of the Sea (MoS)

Projects of common interest identified in accordance with Article 13 and concerning the following motorways of the sea:

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<sup>13</sup> Part of this route corresponds to the definition of pan-European Corridor VII.

- motorway of the Baltic Sea (linking the Baltic Sea Member States with Member States in central and western Europe, including the route through the North Sea/Baltic Sea Canal (Kiel Canal) (2010)),
- motorway of the sea of western Europe (leading from Portugal and Spain via the Atlantic Arc to the North Sea and the Irish Sea) (2010),
- motorway of the sea of south-east Europe (connecting the Adriatic Sea to the Ionian Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean to include Cyprus) (2010),
- motorway of the sea of south-west Europe (western Mediterranean), connecting Spain, France, Italy and including Malta, and linking with the motorway of the sea of south-east Europe (2010)<sup>14</sup>.

22. Athens-Sofia-Budapest-Vienna-Prague-Nuremberg/Dresden rail link<sup>15</sup>

- Railway Greek/Bulgarian border-Kulata-Sofia-Vidin/Calafat (2015)
- Railway Curtici-Braşov (towards Bucharest and Constanta) (2010)
- Railway Budapest-Vienna (2010), cross-border section
- Railway Břeclav-Prague-Nuremberg (2010), with Nuremberg-Prague as cross-border section
- Railway axis Prague-Linz (2016)

23. Railway axis Gdansk-Warsaw-Brno/Bratislava-Vienna<sup>16</sup>

- Railway Gdansk-Warsaw-Katowice (2015)
- Railway Katowice-Břeclav (2010)
- Railway Katowice-Zilina-Nove Mesto n.V. (2010)

24. Lyon/Genova-Basel-Duisburg-Rotterdam/Antwerp rail link

- Lyon-Mulhouse-Mülheim<sup>17</sup>, with Mulhouse-Mülheim as cross-border section (2018)
- Genoa-Milan/Novara-Swiss border (2013)
- Basel-Karlsruhe (2015)
- Frankfurt-Mannheim (2012)
- Duisburg-Emmerich (2009)<sup>18</sup>
- ‘Iron Rhine’ Rheidt-Antwerp, cross-border section (2010)

25. Motorway axis Gdansk-Brno/Bratislava-Vienna<sup>19</sup>

- Gdansk-Katowice motorway (2010)
- Katowice-Brno/Zilina motorway (2010), cross-border section
- Brno-Vienna motorway (2009), cross-border section

26. Railway/road axis Ireland/United Kingdom/continental Europe

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<sup>14</sup> Including to the Black Sea.

<sup>15</sup> This major route largely corresponds to the definition of pan-European corridor IV.

<sup>16</sup> This major route largely corresponds to the definition of pan-European corridor VI.

<sup>17</sup> Including the TGV Rhin-Rhône, minus the western branch.

<sup>18</sup> Project No 5 (Betuwe line) links Rotterdam and Emmerich.

<sup>19</sup> This major route largely corresponds to the definition of pan-European corridor VI.

- Road/railway axis linking Dublin with the North (Belfast-Larne) and South (Cork) (2010)<sup>20</sup>
  - Road/railway axis Hull-Liverpool (2015)
  - Railway Felixstowe-Nuneaton (2011)
  - Railway Crewe-Holyhead (2008)
27. ‘Rail Baltica’ axis Warsaw-Kaunas-Riga-Tallinn-Helsinki
- Warsaw-Kaunas (2010)
  - Kaunas-Riga (2014)
  - Riga-Tallinn (2016)
28. ‘Eurocaprail’ on the Brussels-Luxembourg-Strasbourg railway axis
- Brussels-Luxembourg-Strasbourg (2012)
29. Railway axis of the Ionian/Adriatic intermodal corridor
- Kozani-Kalambaka-Igoumenitsa (2012)
  - Ioannina-Antirrio-Rio-Kalamata (2014)
30. Inland waterway Seine-Scheldt
- Navigability improvements Deulemont-Gent (2012-2014-2016)
- Compiègne-Cambrai (2012-2014-2016)

The date, agreed in advance, for completing the work is shown in brackets. The dates for completing the work for projects 1 to 20 and 30 and the details of the sections are as indicated in the High-Level Group's report where these have actually been identified.

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<sup>20</sup> Including Essen project No 13: road axis Ireland/United Kingdom/Benelux.





#### ANNEX IV

##### **Repealed Decision with list of its successive amendments**

Decision No 1692/96/EC of the European Parliament  
and of the Council  
(OJ L 228, 9.9.1996, p. 1)

Decision No 1346/2001/EC of the European  
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(OJ L 185, 6.7.2001, p. 1)

2003 Act of Accession, Annex II, point 8.F  
(OJ L 236, 23.9.2003, p. 447)

Decision No 884/2004/EC of the European Parliament  
and of the Council  
(OJ L 167, 30.4.2004, p. 1)

Council Regulation (EC) No 1791/2006  
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## JOINT STATEMENT

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission stress the importance they attach to the establishment and coherent development of the trans-European transport network. They welcome the adoption of this Decision establishing the network and identifying in particular projects of common interest, enabling the legislative framework for the trans-European transport network to be completed.

They note that those projects contribute to achieving the objectives laid down in Article 2, may in particular make a vital contribution to competitiveness, job creation and cohesion in the Union and also meet the need to link island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Community. They emphasize in this context that the fact that those projects are identified by Annex I, Annex II and the enacting terms of this Decision makes them eligible for a financial contribution from the Community which may facilitate and accelerate their effective implementation by the Member States concerned.

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission call on the Member States to attach the greatest importance to implementing those projects, to which they devote special attention. The Commission undertakes to keep them regularly informed of their implementation, inter alia, by means ☒ of the report referred to in Article 22 ☒.

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission note the projects adopted by the European Parliament on second reading, with a view to the development of the trans-European transport network.

## COMMISSION STATEMENTS

– **Re environmental standards and a pipeline network:**

The Commission will:

- (a) continue to examine environmental standards for each transport mode;
- (b) study the possibility of setting up a pipeline network not covered by the guidelines for the trans-European energy networks and the possibility of incorporating it into the trans-European network;

and will submit any appropriate proposals.

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– ☒ **Re Article 23 ☒ and Annex III**

The Commission confirms that nothing in this Decision prejudices the financial commitment of the Member States or the Community.