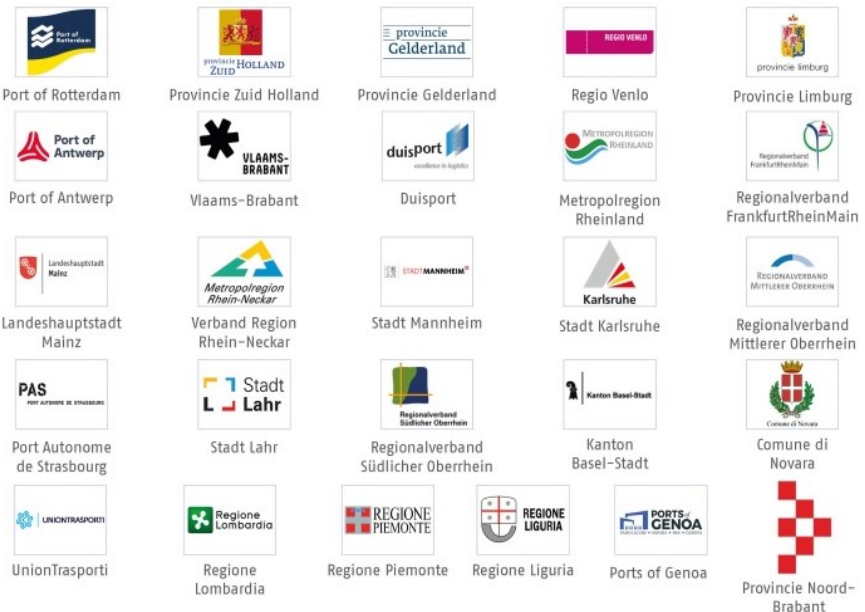# 3 Key Issues for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor in the TEN-T revision

Governance: Merging of the Rhine-Alpine with the North Sea Mediterranean to the new "North Sea-Alpine Corridor"

We do acknowledge the expected positive effects to foster interoperability and resilience between the two corridors. Further merging two of the strongest corridors in one big network structure would require well-defined functional links and governance mechanisms, thus, strengthening cooperation and coordination among RFC organisations, national governments & the EGTC and its regions. We would consider this as prerequisite and an integral part of a TEN-T policy, if the merger will be pursued.

Communication: Naming/Labelling of the new "North Sea-Alpine Corridor"

The existing name "Rhine-Alpine Corridor" is a strongly expressive title combining the Rhine as the main artery with a strong historic dimension for transport in Europe with the geographic challenges of the Alps as natural barriers for seamless transport. It visualises the dominating effects of natural landscapes on spatial development patterns.

➔ The outstanding role of the Rhine axis for sustainable multi-modal transport and its linkage function should be recognized and reflected in the title of the corridor, e.g. "North Sea - Rhine – Alpine (NSRA)".

Operational: Fostering resilience

Interoperability and resilience are key challenges for efficient and reliable transport networks of the future. The main bottlenecks are well known. Strengthening technical, infrastructural and operational links between the main corridors and significant bypass options is inevitable. This asks for flexible solutions most effectively to be achieved thanks to a bottom-up approach to be strengthen and sustained in such a mega-network.

➔ A resilient network requires flexible solutions at regional scale thus, strengthening the nodal areas and their functional links among the corridors. Effective cooperation with and among the regions is indispensable for the coordination.

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