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There is no comprehensive information available on the density and capacity of multimodal terminals in the EU. The TEN-T (trans-European transport network) Regulation¹ requires Member States to conduct an assessment of terminal capacity within their territories and, if their terminal capacity is deemed insufficient, develop an action plan determining the number, type, and location of new or upgraded terminals. Member States must complete their analyses by 19 July 2027 and their subsequent action plans in one year thereafter.

The Commission is currently finalising a study designed to identify NUTS3² regions where the establishment or upgrading of multimodal terminals would be desirable. The study is based on comparing road-only freight flows on corridors (including ScanMed) that run parallel to intermodal transport routes (between same origin-destination pairs). The study highlights also regions where suitable terminals may be in another Member State.

The results of this study are expected soon. It will provide input and methodological guidance to Member States conducting their detailed analyses of the excess capacities of existing facilities and identifying investment priorities.

The financial support for investments is under the Connecting Europe Facility³. Other funding opportunities may be accessible through the Cohesion policy funds. Finally, the Commission is finalising the adoption of State aid rules to Land and Multimodal Transport that will facilitate national funding to multimodal terminals.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2024/1679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, amending Regulations (EU) 2021/1153 and (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 (Text with EEA relevance).

² Nomenclature of territorial units for statistics.

³ Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014.