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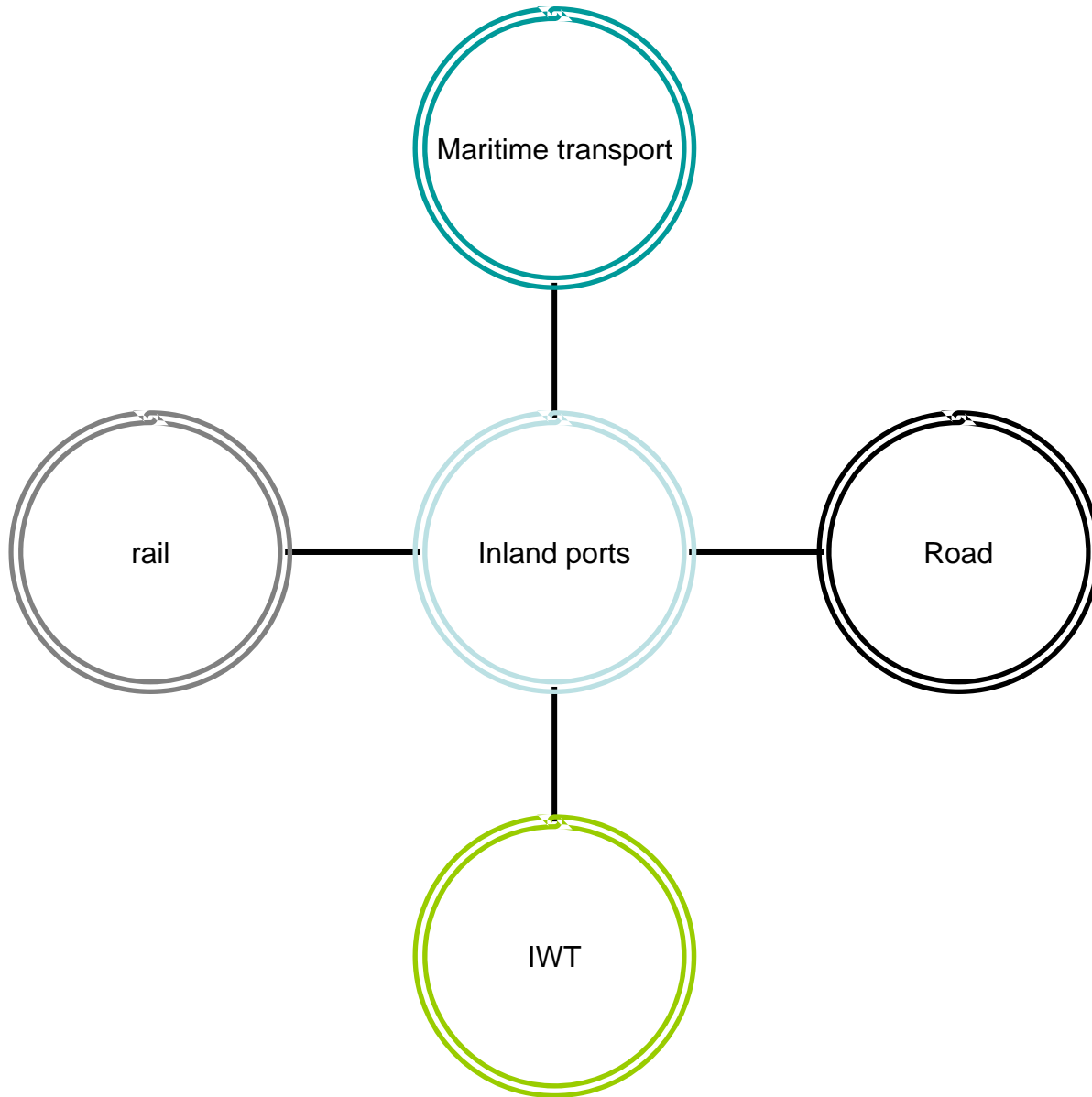
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- EFIP represents more than 200 inland ports authorities in 18 countries of Europe.
- EFIP is the voice of the European inland port network and actively accompanies all developments in the field of EU transport and environmental policy.





Vital role of inland ports in meeting the challenges Europe's transport system is facing:

- **As intermodal nodal points** inland ports are an essential link of the co-modal transport chain.
- **Important instrument to increase the use of inland waterway transport**
- **The inland waterway network has ample free capacity and the best environmental record.**
- **Back up and feeder for the major European seaports:** inland ports are developing as a real hinterland extension of seaports.
- **Clusters of logistic services.** They offer logistic service providers efficient and flexible choices.

Review of the TEN-T guidelines

- **“option 3”** => dual layer consisting of a “core network” and a comprehensive network. This for different reasons:
- the overall efficiency and quality of transport depends largely of the efficiency of the interconnection points and nodes.
- Time to recognize the importance of optimizing the infrastructure and the operational aspects of these interconnection points.
- Optimizing the nodal points between inland water, maritime, rail and road transport will often reveal a lot less expensive than creating completely new infrastructure.

Review of the TEN-T guidelines

- **The conceptual pillar** => Should be based on general but well defined concepts allowing for concrete projects to be introduced in application of this general concept.
- => **“the development and optimization of intermodal nodes or interconnection points”** as a new conceptual approach to be introduced in the TEN-T guidelines.



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EFIP's priorities for the future of Transport

- Sustainability and efficiency should characterize the Transport System of and for the Future.
- An efficient and sustainable transport system can not be based on a one-mode policy



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EFIP's priorities for the future of Transport:

1. The need for a fully integrated transport infrastructure network
2. Cooperation between inland ports and seaports: remove the administrative and operational bottlenecks
3. Urbanisation: restore the balance between logistic and housing needs
4. Internalisation of external costs of transport: waste transport as a pilot project
5. A better cooperation of transport modes and operators
6. Further integration with the neighbouring countries



